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## SCORCHED EARTH TACTICS IN INDONESIA

### Tackling The Crisis General Wage-Stop Proposed

London, August 1.—Cabinet Ministers were today seeking the agreement of trade union leaders to a general stoppage of wage demands during Britain's dollar crisis.

The Ministers want to combine this measure with the appeal for voluntary overtime work which is expected to be presented to the National Joint Advisory Council—representing the Government, trades unions and employers organisations—at its meeting on August 6, the opening day of the Parliamentary debate on the crisis question.

The meeting of this "industrial parliament" has been called to receive the Government's "progress report" on economic developments since the publication of the economic White Paper of last February.

Particular interest centres on proposals for getting more labour into the undermanned industries such as coal-mining and agriculture.

#### DILEMMA

The Government has so far favoured a policy of differential advantages to attract workers to these industries rather than a direction of labour. But they have encountered the opposition of powerful unions, especially the Transport and General Workers Union whose leaders have decided themselves unable to prevent their members from raising wage claims while workers in more favoured industries get preferential treatment.

Faced with this dilemma, Cabinet Ministers have concluded that, a general wage-stop proposed at a moment of crisis and as part of an overall appeal for greater efforts and sacrifices, has a better chance of acceptance than wage-stops for less vital industries.

Also it is emphasised that the overtime work to be made to all industries on the same terms as that already made to the miners, would be at least to ensure bigger pay envelopes.

A greater reliance on negative or indirect methods of direction of labour is likely to be inevitable, however, because of expected cuts of some raw materials, and a greater concentration of consumer goods industries on production for export.

A strict allocation of coal and raw materials to industries and firms whose output makes a key contribution to national needs would automatically limit the use of labour by other industries and thus act as a form of direction without interfering with the individual worker's freedom of choice.—Reuter.

#### Nobel Prize Award

London, August 1.—The 1947 Nobel Prize for Literature has been unanimously awarded to Maria Blixen, the 28-year-old Norwegian authoress, for her book "Mother Muri," an intimate story of the everyday life of the Italy family, Stockholm Radio reported tonight.—Reuters.

#### EDITORIAL

### Our High Living Costs

Sir Alexander Grantham's quick appreciation of one of Hongkong's worst problems—the high cost of living—and his hint that Government might find it expedient to intervene for the purpose of helping to relieve the community of this heavy burden will meet with the hearty approval of the general public. Nothing better illustrates the artificiality of Hongkong's economic recovery than its inflated living costs. In part the high ceiling is created by the abnormal demand for consumer goods still in short supply. But a big contributing factor is the presence of excessive and idle capital, wherefore money has become so cheap with certain sections of the community that they are willing to pay anything, to the embarrassment of those who have to live on salaries. Wages have increased but have not kept pace with retail prices, and with many commodities and services the profit margin has been and still are too substantial. This most striking feature of the 1946 balance sheet of the Colony's principal trading

### SAO PAULO RIOT

Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 1.—One person was killed and 20 injured in riots today in Brazil's second city, São Paulo, where shouting crowds stoned the City Hall and other buildings.

More than 100 buses were estimated to have been destroyed by the rioters, who were protesting over increases in bus and tram fares and the rising cost of living.

Police tonight made many arrests and claimed that the situation was under control, although disorders were still continuing at night-fall.—Reuter.

### Illegal Use Of U.S. Arms Plants

Berlin, Aug. 1.—Officials of the United States Army, inspecting two plants in the American sector, discovered that "war material was being manufactured for a foreign power without sanction by the office of the military government." It was announced to-night.

Officials discovered stockpiles hidden to avoid inspection, including semi-completed gyroscopic motors for aircraft, submarines and tanks, wings and body parts of trainers, theodolites and multiple station theodolites for use in observing the trajectories of guided missiles such as V-1 and V-2, submarine periscopes and other similar precision instruments.

The announcement said that officials of the Economics and Armed Forces Division and Signal Corps made the arms discoveries during a tour of inspection of two plants of Askania works in the Friedenau and Marendorf districts of the American sector.

#### PLANTS CLOSE

The officials did not name the foreign power for whom weapons were manufactured.

The Counter-Intelligence Corps and the Criminal Investigation Division threw agents around the two plants while other troops searched them.

The plants were immediately closed and placed under protective custody.

The action was taken pending an investigation for violation of the Allied control authority law forbidding manufacture, transportation or storage of war materials.

American agents took five men into custody.

The announcement said, "The evidence which is now being sifted indicates that war material was being manufactured for a foreign power without sanction by the office of the military government." —United Press.

### Factories And Oil Tanks Set On Fire

Batavia, August 1.—The widespread scorched-earth tactics of the Republicans, like setting fire to quarters, factories and warehouses, were reported from the Indonesian fighting fronts today as the United Nations Security Council prepared to resume discussion of the Java problem, 12 days after the start of the fighting.

The Republicans have set fire to oil tanks in Tjilatjap Harbour, on Java's south coast, the most important port still reported to be in Republican hands—and to sugar, cigarette and cocoa factories in the centre of the island, a Dutch communiqué said today.

Last night the sky glowed over

Malang in East Central Java, occupied by the Dutch yesterday, from fires lit by the Republicans, the communiqué added.

Unofficial reports reaching here last night told of a Dutch landing east of Tjilatjap in an attempt to prevent the destruction of hundreds of tons of rubber, sisal, kapok, sugar and tea stored in warehouses.

Today's second Dutch communiqué reported that 2,000 Chinese, evacuated from towns on the north-east of Sumatra during the Dutch advance, arrived in Medan—in the north of the island.

Some Sumatra plantations had been burned in the Republican "scorched-earth" policy, although there was no damage more serious than that caused by the years of neglect during the Japanese occupation, the communiqué said.

Normal international air traffic control procedure requires that aircraft's movements shall be signalled by the aerodrome of departure to the destination airport and reported to the air traffic control centre responsible for the region of destination, the statement explained.

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"NEW PAPER MONEY

The Republican Government had urged the population of Central Java to lend money and goods for the war in exchange for promissory notes, Antara, the Republican news agency, reported today.

The Republican Government had issued new paper money in denominations of 123 rupiah (about 11 shillings). Antara added.

(In Moscow the "Red Star," the Soviet Army's official newspaper said that Holland can hardly afford a long war against 70,000 Indian troops, Moscow Radio reported today.)

In Bombay, the Indian Maritime Union asked all pilots in Bombay harbour to refuse to take out the Dutch steamer Lombok if she loaded ammunition for Indonesia.

The local agents of the shipping company concerned in Bombay denied yesterday that the ship was loading ammunition, but dockers refused to unload the ship's cargo, said to consist of United States merchandise and bulk ore, and casual labour had to be employed.

Police pickets were posted near an precautionary measure, but there were no further demonstrations.

**MILITARY GOVERNOR**

The Republican Radio at Jogjakarta announced tonight that Lieutenant General Urip, the Indonesian Republican Army Chief of Staff, has been appointed Military Governor of Jogjakarta, the Republican capital, with a staff of 10 officers to organise the special defence of the city.

One of the officers, the Sultan of Jogjakarta, has been given the rank of honorary Lieutenant General. Jogjakarta is now under martial law, the report added.

The Republican Radio confirmed yesterday's report from New Delhi that Dr Sultan Sjahri, former Indonesian Premier, will fly to New York to attend the Security Council discussions on the Java fighting.

Hadjj Sugeng Salem, the Indonesian Deputy Foreign Minister, will also go to New York, the report added.

A Dutch statement broadcast by Batavia Radio stated that Dutch casualties in the Indonesian fighting to date totalled 57 killed, 124 wounded and 15 missing.

The Republican communiqué claimed that the Republican capital on Sumatra, Pematang Siantar, situated near Medan in the north of the island, had been recaptured today by Republican forces who took "13 tanks" and much other material."

It was reported that the Dutch have captured Bintanum in south Central Java and important power stations at Lamongan and Plengkung, Batavia (Dutch-controlled) Radio said tonight.

In south Sumatra, resistance from infiltrated elements was met but mopping-up operations were being carried out.

The announcement stated that speeches stressed the friendship between the two navies.—Reuter.

**Police Car Dashes Into Funeral Crowd**

Jerusalem, Aug. 1.—Violence flared anew today at the funeral of the five Jews slain in a pogrom Tel-Aviv, and in Jerusalem where one Jew was killed in a bombing attack on the gunpost guarding the Hampshire Battalion barracks.

A police armoured car plunged straight into the crowd of Jews attending the funeral of five of their number who were killed in the wild rioting in Tel-Aviv last night. A number of Jews was injured.

The enraged crowd tried to seize the occupants of the car, who were reported by witnesses to be British police. The driver sped off while police on the scene fired shots in the air until the car was out of reach.

Thousands did not go to work today for fear of further outbreaks, although the funeral of the slain Jews was attended en masse by the injured.

Shortly before the Tel-Aviv shura, four Jews charged a gunboat with explosives over the barbed-wire barricades. They fired a burst from a neighbouring garden to distract attention.

British guards answered with gunfire, killing one attacker. A second attacker was captured.

### Superforts' Record Flight

Washington, Aug. 1.—Seven Superfortresses, winging 7,000 miles from Tokyo, landed at Andrews Field in a record-breaking flight to celebrate the Air Forces' 40th anniversary.

The sky giants swept over the Washington Monument in the capital 84 hours after taking off from Tokyo at 2 a.m. EDT yesterday (Thursday). Actual flying time was 30 hours and five minutes.

The flight represented a new achievement in radio transmitting and receiving. The Strategic Air Command inaugurated on the trip its new global strategy in the use of radio. For the first time in history, planes were in continuous radio contact with Andrews Field Strategic Headquarters, even when 7,000 miles distant.

The Superforts soared in high over the Washington Monument, then circled the capital for almost 30 minutes before landing.

Buzzing about the big planes were 23 fast jet-propelled F-80 Shooting Stars, which picked up the Superforts at Martinsburg, West Virginia, and escorted them to Washington.

The ship which dropped out at Anchorage resumed its flight seven hours after the flight of seven left.—United Press.

### SURPRISE DEVELOPMENT IN INDONESIA-DUTCH DISPUTE

Lake Success, N.Y., Aug. 1.—The United Nations Security Council today again considered Australia's demand that the Dutch and Indonesians should stop fighting and let the United Nations arbitrate in the dispute.

The chairman, Dr Oscar Lange (Poland), last night urged the Council to try to decide on the Australian demand today, but immediately the meeting opened, Belgium's delegate, M. Ferdinand Van Langenhove, warned the members against reaching a hasty decision on the basis of the scant information.

He said that if the Council called for a cessation of hostilities now, it would be prejudging the whole issue. It should, therefore, not be done without discussion.

The Belgian delegate also supported the Netherlands' argument that it was not competent to interfere in a matter which, as the Dutch had contended, was within their domestic jurisdiction.

At this stage, there was an unexpected development when the Dutch delegate, Dr Van Kleefens, announced that his Government had accepted the United States offer to mediate.

#### "GLADLY ACCEPTS"

"The Netherlands Government," he said, "warmly welcomes the United States offer of its good offices, which it gladly accepts. In view of this, the Netherlands Government will be glad to enter into consultation as to what manner the good offices can be made effective."

Britain then suggested that the Indonesian question be dropped in the meantime, and allow the United States to mediate and operate.

The British delegate, Mr Valentine Lawford, said: "We have not heard any really convincing arguments to persuade us that this is a war between two sovereign states, but what we have here is a situation which for political or economic reasons may lead to international friction. It cannot be denied that there have been serious repercussions in Asia."

As the Dutch had accepted the American mediation, the British delegation believed that, instead of proceeding on the lines of the Australian proposal, the Security Council should take note of the mediation offer and leave the matter on the agenda till the Council had received a report on all developments.

Speaking for the United States, Mr Herschel Johnson, said that the Australian resolution raised two difficult legal problems—the sovereignty of Indonesia and the competence of the Security Council in the issue. He proposed an amendment which bypassed these problems and merely called on both parties to stop fighting and submit to a peaceful settlement.

#### SOVIET ATTITUDE

Mr Andrei Gromyko (Russia) disagreed with the delegates who doubted whether Indonesia had a sovereign status. He also thought that the Security Council was perfectly competent to deal with the situation.

Mr Gromyko added that the Soviet delegation could not support the British proposal to shelve the question, while mediation operated, as this would mean bypassing the United Nations.

The Russian delegate accused the Netherlands Government of aggression in Indonesia. "The fact that the Netherlands Government calls its action limited police measures

### The Sports Column EXCITING WIN FOR SURREY

London, August 1.—Surrey won a close two-wicket victory today over Essex at Chelmsford. Surrey had to get 340 runs to win on a dusty wicket, and with half the side out for less than 120, their task appeared hopeless. But fast scoring turned what seemed a certain victory for Essex into a triumph for Surrey.

The results of games which ended today were:

At Chelmsford: Surrey beat Essex by two wickets. Surrey 144 and 340 for eight (McIntyre 70, E.R.T. Holmes 65, not out). Essex 182 and 301.

At Leicester: Leicestershire beat Derbyshire by three wickets. Derbyshire 357 and 240 for eight declared. (Rops 111, not out). Leicestershire 210 and 302 for seven (Tomklin 120, Jacks 120 not out).

At Southampton: Glamorgan beat Hampshire by ten wickets. Glamorgan 343 and 12 for six wickets. Hampshire 149 and 204.

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BY GADI YOU'RE RIGHT SIR

London, August 1.—Britons take their cricket seriously. Thus this letter to The Times from a shocked reader:

Sir.—In the recent university match many members of both universities gazed with surprise at the caps of the Cambridge opening batsmen. The captain wore the Guardsman, and his partner the Crusader. For a parallel we must go back 40 years. In 1907 R. A. Young, who wore glasses, had to bat in a drizzle, and preferred a Crusader cap to his "Blue" cap because it had a bigger peak. This instance apart, these caps, honourable as they are, have, I think, never previously been worn on this occasion except by substitutes. Surely in the university match the "Blue" is the only wear? It is no time for motley.—United Press.

### Big Goodwood Surprise

Goodwood, Sussex, August 1.—The greatest surprise of Goodwood's four-day meeting, which was graced with brilliant sunshines each day, came today, the final day, when the 20 to 1 outsider Avignon scored in the Chesterfield Cup over one and a quarter miles, beating last year's Derby winner, Edward Tudor, on what odds of four to seven were.

Edward Tudor had been somewhat disappointed, but when his chief rival, Signalman, who won the race last year, was not saddled owing to the firm going, it looked as if this Hyperion colt had got his chance at last, especially as Gordon Richards was riding. But it was more than Edward Tudor could do to give Avignon 20 pounds and the gallant little horse triumphed by one length, much to the delight of his groom factory owner, Edith Garner.

Two St. Leger outsiders ran today, but whereas the colt

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# THE WEST END IS NOW PERKING UP

By DAVID LEWIN

LONDON, July 17. THE West End is perking up. The crowds are back and more money is beginning to flow. Entertainment men tell me business is up by 20 percent.

The men who know say there are three reasons for the change: The American Navy is in town and that means spending on the old wartime scale; people are here for their holidays and the West End is now and fresh to them; Eros is back

and the suburban families want to see him again. Yes, they say Eros really matters.

It is all good news and the street corner boys are marking their prices accordingly. Watch them: In the afternoon they sell cherries at 1s. 9d. a lb. By the evening, as the crowd thickens in Leicester-square, they change the signs to read 1s. a half pound and say it is a giveaway.

Even the snack bars have queues outside after 11 p.m. and the men who make money

out of what you eat tell me people are going to bed later. Meanwhile, what's the news around here?

TOMMY TRINDER is all set to go to New York. He will break new ground there at La Martinique night club, where they have had a British comedian before.

ARTHUR SINCLAIR, that grand actor from Dublin who makes the "Crime of Margaret Foley" very worthwhile, has had an offer to go into "Flinian's Rainbow," the American show which arrives some time in the autumn when they can find the right theatre for it. Margaret Foley keeps her name, by the way. The producers decided they would not change it despite protests from Lady Foley. They will alter the name of the chief character from Thomas Foley to John. Is everyone satisfied?

In the Bolivar Bar, where tired BBC people go for a drink, they say those quiz shows (or audience participation programmes, officially) will go on and on and on. A BBC high-up told me: "The public likes them, so they must continue. There'll be new twists, of course." The news depresses me.

In the dinner spots, where for the first time in weeks they turn away customers who haven't booked a table, they tell of 17-year-old Erica, whose singing stopped the waiters serving. Her number was "Sadness," and restauranteur Ferraro wrote the words. Erica came here eight years ago when she escaped with her mother from a German concentration camp. At the hostel in Dorking where she lives a composer heard her sing and arranged lessons. She will go to the top.

A NEW name next: Audrey Allday (rhymes with mild). Audrey is 24 and played with the Old Vic in the West End. Her first film part is four minutes in "While I Live." Those four minutes will make Audrey's name appear in my notebook again.

## Kisses Should Not Be Heard But Seen

You never hear kisses in the cinema, or seldom ever, because the sound thereof, according to veteran recording engineers, is like that of a cracking peanut—common to circuses and upper batonets.

## LARGE SCREEN TELEVISION PROGRAMME

Heralding an advance of far-reaching significance in the mass entertainment field, the RCA Victor Division of the Radio Corporation of America and Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc., announce the signing of a contract for a joint programme of research on large-screen television.

Harry M. Warner, President of Warner Bros.; Jack L. Warner, Vice-President in charge of production, and Frank M. Folsom, executive vice-president of RCA, in charge of the Victor Division, made the joint announcement, calling the co-operative arrangement "an historic step toward the development of large-screen television in the motion picture industry."

The research and experimental programme, it is predicted, will be as important as the first tentative efforts to put sound on film more than 20 years ago. New types of black-and-white large-screen television equipment have been developed by the RCA Engineering Products department in its Camden, N.J., plant.

In addition, RCA will provide technical and research information and the assistance of engineering personnel and field engineers.

Jack L. Warner has assigned Col. Nathan Levinson, head of the studio's engineering and technical research staff, to direct the experimental programme for Warners. As a pioneer in talking pictures, Col. Levinson has made many important contributions to the development of talking pictures.

Commenting on the joint programme Folsom drew a parallel between Warner Bros. "foresight" in undertaking this pioneering work and its early achievements with sound films.

Nothing, of course, could be more disillusioning! Imagine John Garfield enfolding Joan Crawford in his husky arms, tenderly placing his lips to hers to make a noise like an unromantic peanut being pinched between a thumb and forefinger.

Just why microphones do such unflattering things to kisses, nobody seems to know. But they do. Somehow, the sound of osculation (as a rippling stream over small pebbles) records and reproduces as a crackle, harsh and brittle. Thus the ardent type of screen lover—like Garfield, Errol Flynn, Charles Boyer, Dennis Morgan or Gable—always attempts to kiss silently. Sometimes he doesn't succeed. When he doesn't, the disillusioning crackle is promptly deleted from the celluloid.

Eyes Over Ear

This seemingly heartless surgery, according to Ollie Garretson, a pioneer recording engineer for Warner Bros., is absolutely necessary.

"The eye takes precedence over the ear when it comes to tender love scenes," he explains. "We have found, by long experience, that motion picture audiences take love scenes more seriously than any other kind. They accept the illusion, hook, line and sinker. They thrill with the hero and they palpitate with the heroine, and they do this in utter and absolute silence, hypnotised, apparently by the power of love."

"The kiss, therefore—at least until somebody invents a way to record it properly—must remain as little children are supposed to be when company comes—seen but not heard."

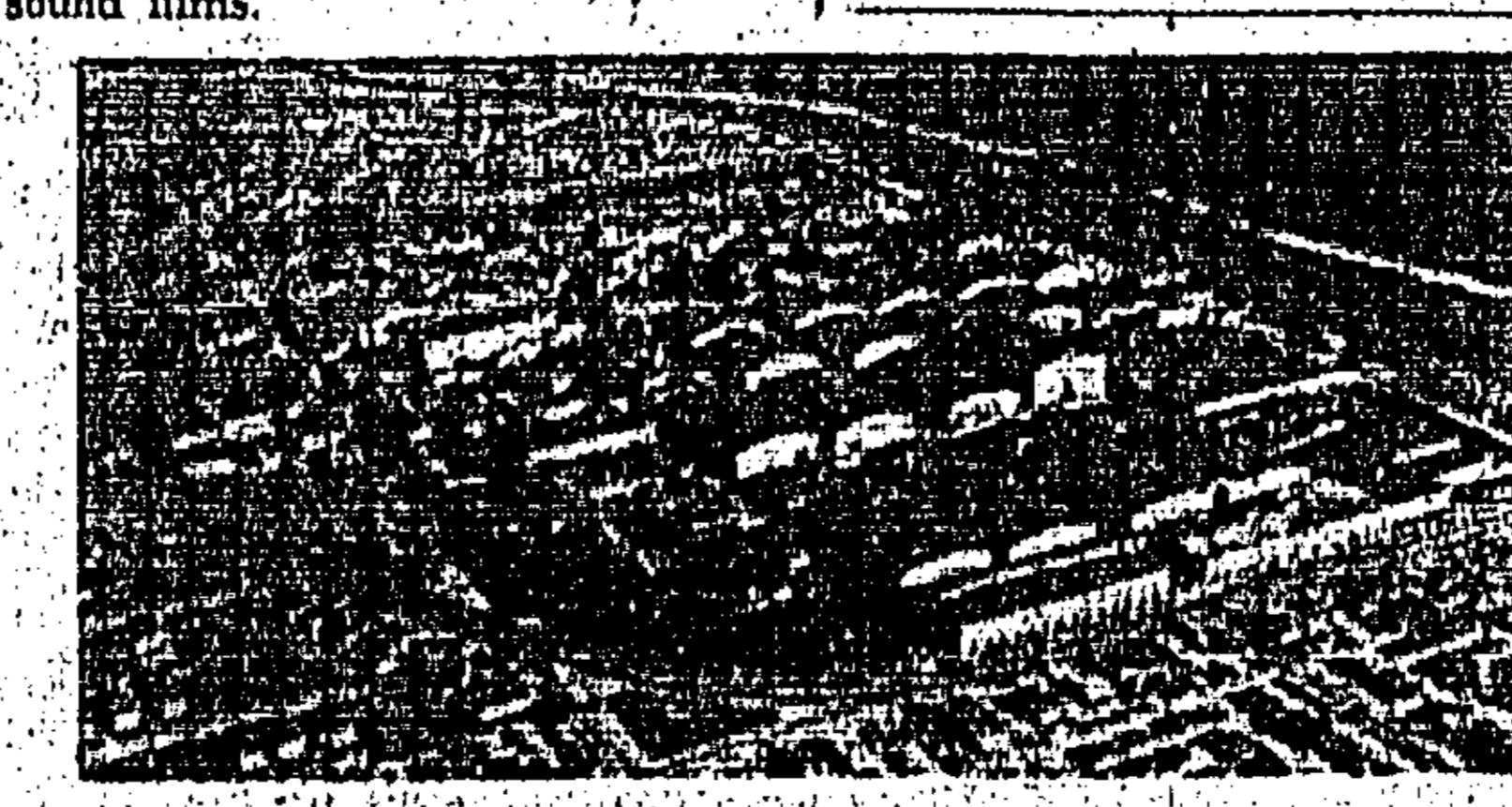
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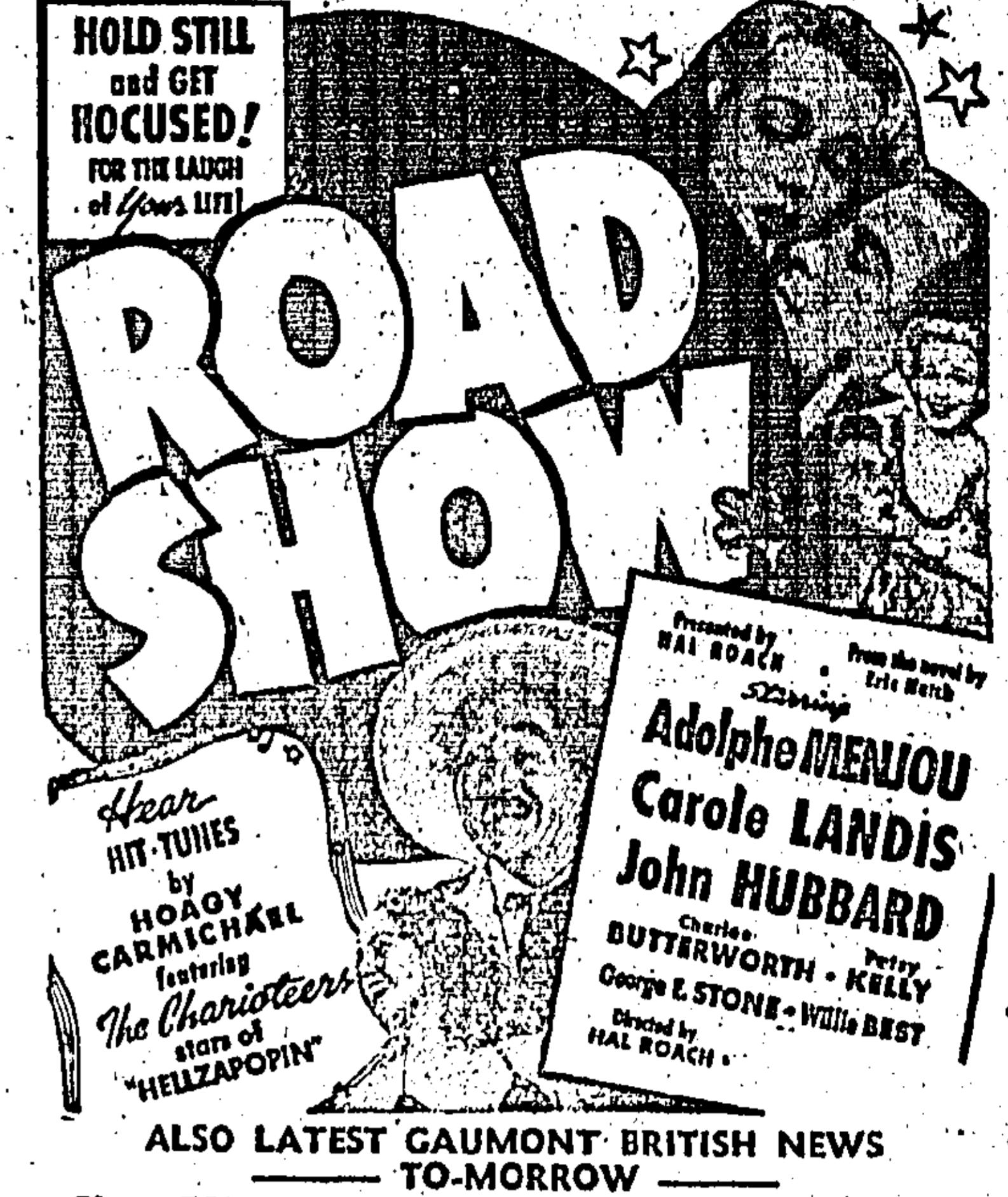


An aerial view of the Warner Bros. Studio in Hollywood.

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# WOMANSENSE

FULL-PAGE FEATURE

## Plastics Boom In America

**NEW YORK.** Scientists in the plastics and plywood industries are working at top speed these days to meet an unprecedented demand of the American homebuilder for new and more wearable materials.

It looks as though the old-fashioned wall coverings, such as paper or paint on plaster, are out.

New homes are going up all over the country and more and more are being rebuilt with walls of plywood. Plastic materials also are being used for the floors, doors, cabinets and in some cases, the ceilings.

The expense of installing plywood is currently greater than wall paper or painted plaster, but in comparison with ordinary wooden panels, the plywood is cheaper.

This is the story from spokesmen in the two industries, who report that the American homebuilder is going to demand more and more of science to give him a better dwelling.

### Washable Walls

In plywood walls, bonded with synthetic resins or plastics, the home owner will have walls that can be cleaned easily with a damp cloth. Even junior's crayon marks can be quickly wiped away.

You can have those walls in any veneer finishing he desires—Mahogany, Oak, Knotty Pine, Walnut or Birch. The makers say they will last forever.

Floorings, too, are being made of plastic material, with any such design that a home builder wants. The Bulekite Corporation is making a type of plastic window curtains or draperies that you can touch a cigarette to and they won't burn. You clean them merely by using that damp cloth. They are somewhat expensive now, but the company says the price will come down.

### Plastic Chairs

Table tops, living room chairs are being made of plastics—treated against fire and scratch. There may not be any need, for, consider for those highballs. The new type table top will be alcohol resistant, no stains, no scratches.

The history of plastics goes back many years when the discovery was made that a mixture of carbonyl acid and formaldehyde—in the proper proportions—and then heated, left a synthetic resin. Since then it has been developed until thousands of items, such as your telephone, are made of plastic material.

It is only since the war ended, however, that the concentration on plastics for the home has been so great.

Said Allan Brown, vice president of the Bulekite Corporation.

"Plastics as exemplified by these applications is a down-to-earth present day decoration. Its functional beauty in home interiors, whether in the kitchen, bathroom, living room, playroom, den or outside porch, is a realization of plastics' role in the home of today and an index of its value in the home of tomorrow."—United Press.

## STRIKE A NEW FOOT-NOTE

by PATRICIA LENNARD

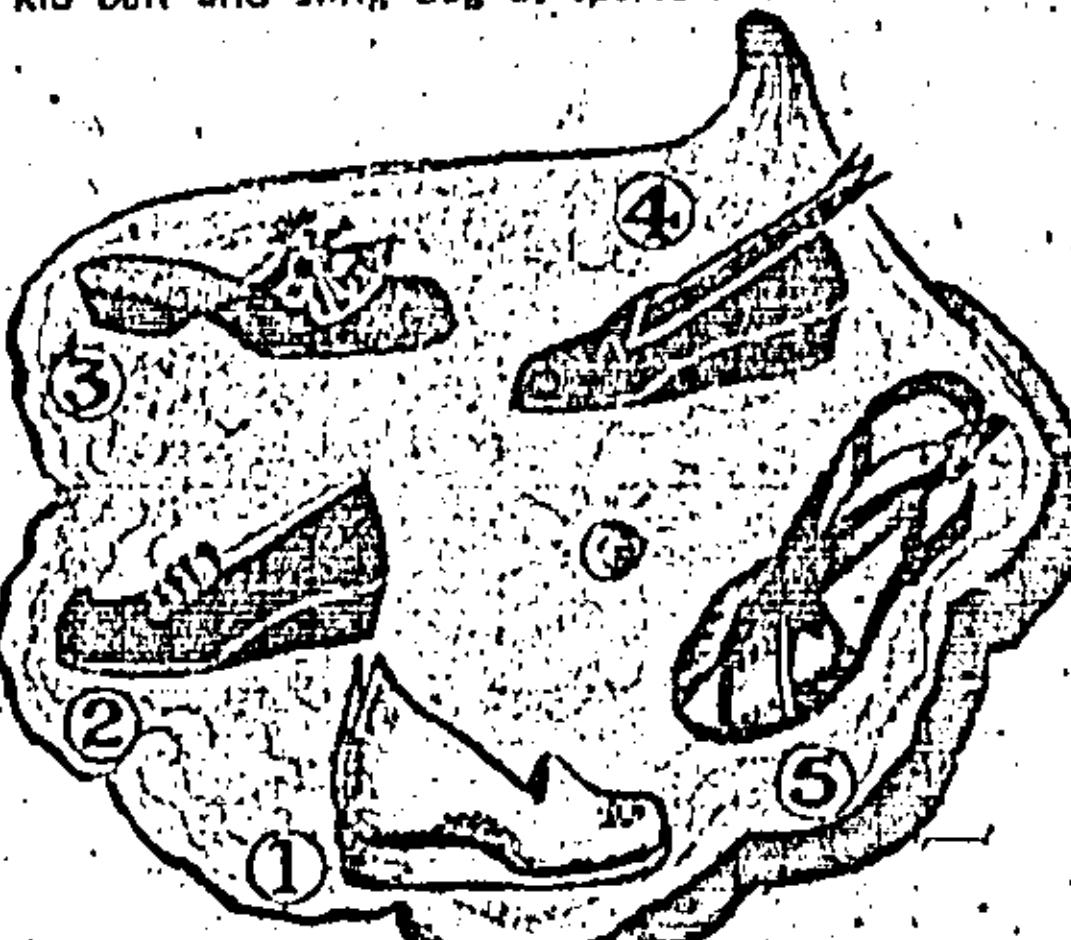
**N**estling on the half shell are five shoes in the news. The Little Indian (1), a wedge-heeled square-toed shoe, has the high back pointed and slashed. The colour range includes neutrals like off-white, grey and cacao. This shoe was also shown recently in gold kid—for sports-wear—with gold kid belt and sling bag as sports accessories.

America uses gold kid for silver-thin sandals and belts to accompany neutral coloured linen and pure silk sports outfit. A shoe in rough tweed woven with a gold thread is also fashion now, there—but not yet in Britain...yet.

An Italian import (2) is also a wedge walking shoe in suede, feather-light and easy as a glove. The classic design is given a new twist by working the upper into a tip-tilted sabot toe.

The house-suff in black velvet (3) is an eye-catcher. The pink gingham lining is matched to the skirt of the miniature rag doll made of white and gingham webbing below the toes.

One of the trimmest, wedge-heeled shoes to be seen later this year will be No. 4, made in many



colours. Its simple lines are perk up by an all-round turn-down cuff, ending in a couple of streamers. It's name? Follow me.

From an exhibition of new ideas in men's clothing comes the India sandal (5), in brown reversed calf. Men's sandals have had a brief popularity just before the war; this sandal is one of the first of its kind to be seen again in London.

## Expert Lists Ways To Keep Food Fresh

By GEORGIE RODGERS  
(Principal, Good Housekeeping School of Cookery)

**W**OMEN who do not possess a cool larder or refrigerator will find these hints useful for keeping perishable food fresh and wholesome.

A meat safe is a good investment. It should be hung on a wall facing N or NE if possible, where it will not catch the sun. It should be away from any guilles or dustbins, and should have through ventilation. If the only suitable position is sunny, a wet sack should be hung over the safe—this will keep it cool. In very hot weather the sack should be wrung out in cold water morning and evening.

### ICE AND SALT

Keep all perishable goods in the safe, as there they will be cool and out of reach of flies and bluebottles. To keep the larder or meat safe fresh, it should be wiped out daily with a cloth wrung out in soda water.

MILK can be kept in the same way, covering with muslin or a flower-pot. The water should be changed every day, and twice a day in really hot weather. Now milk should never be added to the old, unless it is to be used at once.

CHEESE keeps best if wrapped in greaseproof paper in an airy place or wrapped in muslin dipped in vinegar.

BREAD should be wrapped in a clean dry cloth and kept in a well-ventilated earthenware or enamel breadpan. Keep the lid tilted if the pan has air-holes. The pan should be wiped out daily with a dry cloth and washed and dried thoroughly once a week.

### USE MUSLIN

MEAT will keep in the larder if hung on a meat hook and covered with muslin, or in the meat safe—if placed in a trivet standing on a dish and covered with muslin. Meat should not sit in its own juices, as this causes rapid deterioration.

BACON will keep better if cooked.

FISH goes bad very quickly in hot weather, and should only be bought when it can be cooked at once.

VEGETABLES are best bought freshly as required. If they have to be stored use an airy vegetable rack, or keep in baskets on the floor.

LETTUCES will keep crisp and fresh in a basin covered with a plate, or in a saucucer covered with a lid. A butter cooler can be improvised

from a tin can with a piece of foil over the top.

FATS should be stored in butter coolers, or earthenware plant pots, then stand completely over the plate or basin of fat. Resoak the butter cooler or flower-pot morning and evening. A butter cooler can be improvised

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## AN AMERICAN INVASION

By WILLIAM HICKEY

FAVOURITE roosting perch of visiting American sailors all through their recent tour was Piccadilly statue of Eros, replaced just in time for this naval occasion.

Happy, contented, their jaws working overtime, there they sat, apparently hypnotised by London's traffic swirling round them. Quick census of pudding-basin-capped heads one afternoon: 37. There were a few girls, too. About 37.

DEMANDING an entrance fee few men would be prepared to pay, the world's most exclusive club held its 6th annual dinner. I refer to the Guinea Pig Club every member of which has had some fanciful embroidery, as they call it, carried out for him by plastic-surgeon Sir ARCHIBALD McINDOE, the club's permanent life president, whose belated knighthood was recently announced.

There was KEN BROWN, who, in the Pig's own nonchalant lingo, "had eye trouble early on"; and HARRY CROMBIE, who "stopped a packet in the face and returned lately to the Sty for a further slabbing"; and BRIAN BIRKS, who "got his face minced up in a fast-revolving air screw" and scores of others.

These boys are incomparable, imperturbable, irreducible. Recently, one advised, "Lost between The Crown and Blackwell Hollow, blue artificial eye answering to name of Joey. Either generously rewarded, 'Box 354'."

Let us hope Joey came back.

FROM (say) São Paulo, a Brazilian textile merchant enlists a London company to fix up 10 appointments, have a car at the airport, reserve a private office for him in their building, supply a Spanish speaking stenographer, make hotel arrangements, book two stalls for "Annie Get Your Gun," and send some roses to that nice Miss Tammany he danced with in Rio last winter.

All this will be undertaken by an organisation of half a dozen demobbed types (headed by Mr PETER TAYLOR (ex-R.A.F.), who have pooled brains, faith, courage and cash in an idea which shows the right idea.

WHILE many gardeners complain about being stuck on an almost static waiting-list for a new lawnmower, Mr A. P. EASTOR, of Hopton, Diss, laments to me that he cannot get rid of one of the confounded things. Somebody should not let the grass grow under his feet.

DOING untold harm to Britain's potential tourist business is the slaphappy, lackadaisical type of country hotel at which I dined recently.

Complaints: (1) Soup tepid, powdery, served on cold plates. (2) "Cold meats" (admittedly an alternative choice) turned out to be canned bully beef, suffering somewhat from the weather. (3) Coffee, at a shilling a head, was lukewarm, weak, with skin of boiled milk floating on top.

The sweet was very good. But I defy anyone to go far off the rails with stewed rhubarb.

I REGRET to announce that the published motto of the Frank Sinatra Fan Club in Britain is "Per Ardua Sicut." Rinse, please.

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE Ministry of Bubble-blowing has just announced a cut in the rations for silkworms. This means fewer silkworms' eggs. "Silk" stockings will now be made from imported dried silkworms' eggs, to save shipping space.

### Evans and the pea

EVANS the Hare of Aberbananer has started training for the pea-pushing season. His nose is massaged twice a day with fish-oil, and he sleeps with a metal cap over it. Yesterday, he did a trial run from Llanfair, His time over 40 yards was 72 minutes, with a following wind, which sometimes blew the pea ahead of his nose. He uses a pea specially grown by Mrs Wyddfa of Eryr House, Conway. Watchers on the Abersyllyn and Rhyd-du passes thought Evans was inclined to slice his pushes; but that may have been due to the wind, or to a slight scratch on his nose, due to contact with a small rock.

### A brave attempt

MILLY BLAZE's tone-poem, "The Cabmen of Huntingdonshire," based on the famous List, was performed for the first time in public yesterday. It is a monotonous work, but perhaps the task it attempts is an impossible one. How is a composer to suggest the different names and initials without becoming dull? It is true that the programme note is a useful guide, but there is something too fantastic in such statements as "Here the tranquil quality of the music and the restraint of the woodwind seem to suggest Emberton, E., or Futtermere, G., L."

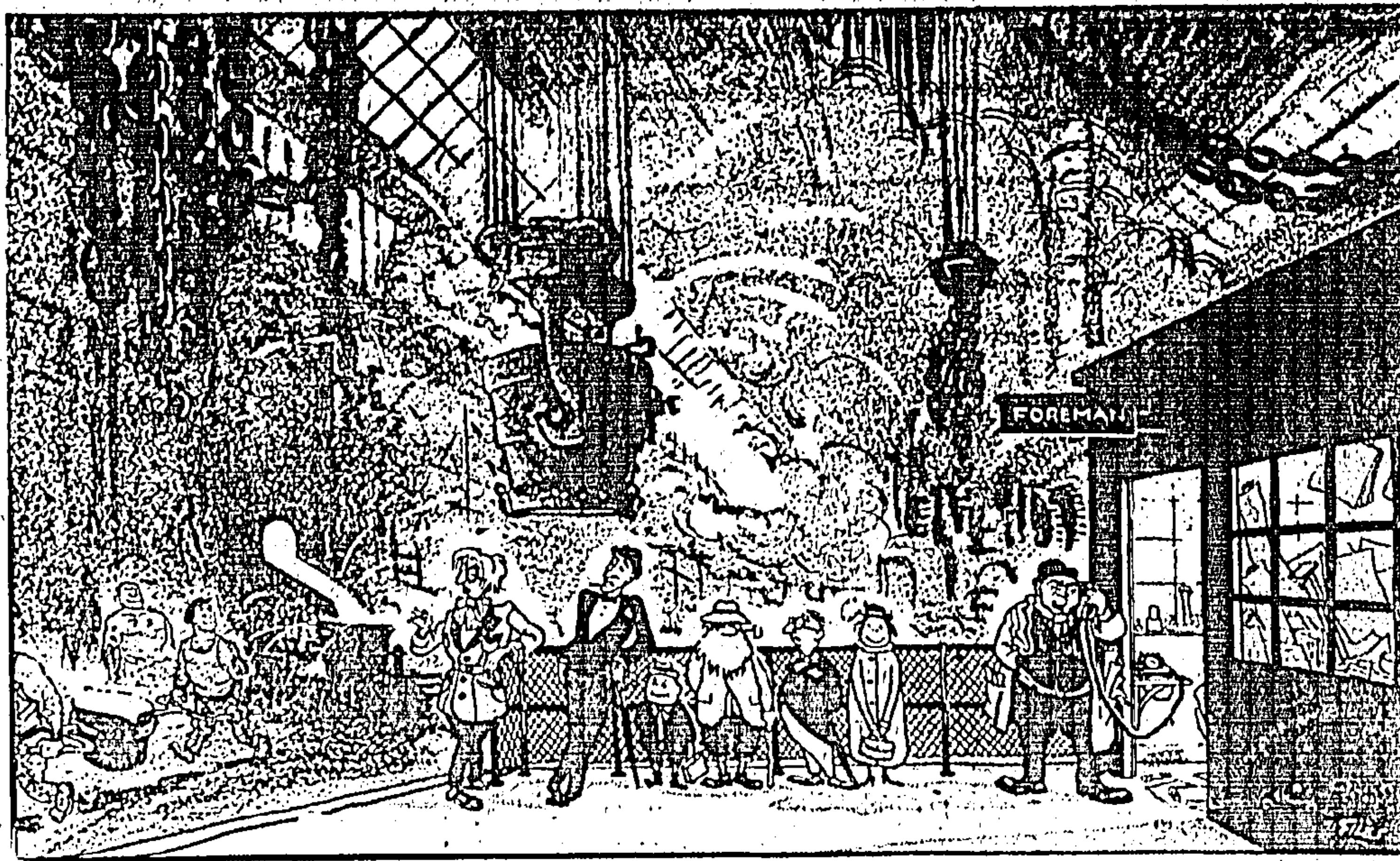
### Marginal note

THE "clink" is to become a "military corrective establishment" staffed by psychiatrists. Kipling's poem "Cells" will have to be brought up to date.

And I'm here in the military corrective establishment.

### For a thundering drink,

And blacking the (corporal's) psychiatrist's eye.



"Is that the Direction of Labour into Industry Department? Well, about these six new heavy steel workers you've sent us..."

## The background story of the romance of ELIZABETH and PHILIP

*The first meeting: Falling in love: 'After that it was always Philip': When he proposed, and what the Princess said to her friends*

by a Court Correspondent

WHAT is he like? What is she like? What are they like together?

I will tell you their story as I know it.

Their first meeting took place so long ago that you might wonder if either of them would remember it. But they do.

Princess Elizabeth was six years old at the time, Prince Philip was 11, and the occasion was a family luncheon given by King George V and Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace.

The Prince and Princess were introduced, and because a girl of six is scared of boy of 11, and he in turn is a little scornful of "girls" in general, the conversation was reduced to the barest essentials.

If they had been ten years older people would have said that the meeting was not a success. In fact, they both left the Palace that day and almost forgot they had ever seen one another, until they met again years later at the Coronation in 1937.

Here they spoke again, and, perhaps encouraged by the thought of having met before, the talk ran more easily this time.

A friend asked Prince Philip after the ceremony whether he thought Princess Elizabeth looked very sweet. He replied non-committally, "Oh, yes."

### Years passed, they seldom met

The years passed, and except for an occasional meeting in the company of Queen Mary or the Duchess of Kent, Elizabeth and Philip saw little of each other. He was at school and she had lessons at home.

The difference between the two in these years is marked. Elizabeth worked studiously and with real enthusiasm at her lessons, Prince Philip, we are told by his schoolmasters, was only a moderate scholar, and preferred games.

Elizabeth disliked games. It was a long time before she could be persuaded to take an interest in tennis.

Even today she rarely plays, and she is not fond of golf, either.

Her favourite childhood recreations were riding and swimming, painting and collecting a large menagerie of toy dogs and horses. Each day she would give her menagerie an airing in Hamilton Gardens by the side of Hyde Park.

### Golden-haired little girl

She was a pretty little girl with golden hair and blue eyes. She always had a desire to share everything she had with others.

She could not bear to receive a gift while one of her friends had not got one. On many occasions she has been known to turn to a child standing near her and say, "You've this... I would rather have had it."

She loved dancing and was naturally good at it, and her knowledge of history and literature was excellent. She was beautifully brought up.

But, of course, there came the day when she realised that it was she whom the people crowded to see take walks each day, or drive with her nurse to see "Grandpa England"

and Granny Mary at Buckingham Palace.

She was pleased that it should be so.

It was at this time, on a visit to Olympia with Queen Mary, that she remarked, "Won't the people be pleased to see me when we leave?"

The answer to this was that she was sent straight home with her nurse, leaving by a side door to avoid the crowds!

There was, however, little pride about Elizabeth, and she soon began to realise the responsibility of her position.

She began to change into the quiet, thoughtful girl, yet with the sense of humour we know today.

If one compares her early years with those of the Princess Royal, one finds that Princess Elizabeth lived a much more unsheltered life; yet her circle of friends was limited.

The most frequent visitors to her parents' home in Piccadilly were fair-haired, petite Lady Elizabeth Lambart, and Sonia Graham Hodgson, the daughter of the King's radiologist.

### Hide-and-seek in the garden

Lady Elizabeth Lambart had singing classes with the Princess while Miss Graham Hodgson shared her French and dancing lessons. The three met daily to play in the gardens at the back of 145 Piccadilly.

One day, racing round the gravel paths of this garden Princess Elizabeth called out to a friend: "I have thought of a new game! I'll call you Lillibet, and then the people will call Philip his favourite."

Being old friends, what could be more natural than that they should dance together quite a lot?

And that was how it all started. All girls discuss young men, and Elizabeth and her friends were no exception. So it soon became common knowledge that a tall, blond and handsome young naval officer called Philip was her favourite.

Luckily his appearance came up to the high standard she had once set herself many years before when she said: "When I marry, my husband will have to be very tall and very good-looking."

Some time later, when a friend pointed out that she might have to marry for political reasons, she replied, "I couldn't marry a man I didn't love."

But childhood days don't last, and the abdication of Edward VIII shortened Elizabeth's childhood. Her comment to a friend was: "Well, I suppose papa will become King instead of silly Uncle David, but we shall hate leaving Piccadilly."

The word "silly" was used affectionately, for the Duke of Windsor has always been Elizabeth's favourite uncle.

Then came the excitement of the Coronation and the thrill of walking round the nursery with a tablecloth pinned to her shoulders, instead of the small train she would wear at the ceremony.

Now came changes in her life, more than anyone would have dreamed possible. Quite adequately, and with little fuss, she stepped into her place as the Heir-Presumptive to the Throne.

Perhaps she was a little querulous, a little more serious, that was all. She did not change fundamentally, and she did not forget her friends.

The first Buckingham Palace Company of Girl Guides was started.

In this troop all the children she had grown up with, and many new friends, met every week to learn the Morse code, tracking, and the intricacies of knots.

### Philip's passion for the sea

What was Prince Philip doing all these years?

In a sense, he was tying knots, too, for he had developed a passion for the sea. Encouraged by his masters, he built a cutter with some friends, and sailed it round the Hebrides. He was ship's cook.

He liked to spend hours in a small Scottish harbour, listening to the tales of the fishermen and looking over their boats.

The fishermen knew him as a tall lad who pestered them for stories of the sea was a prince.

Sometimes they were too busy to talk, and then he would go off on his own and read tales of adventure on the high seas.

Encouraged by his uncle, Lord Louis Mountbatten, with whom he spent most of his holidays, Prince Philip was entered for the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. Here he won the King's Dux for the best cadet.

For the next few years he was "wrapped up" in his job. He was happy at sea, and his life-long friend and cousin, the Marquess of Milford Haven, was a naval officer, too.

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This time it was not for long. Above everything the pair were firm friends, and friendship could not be spoilt by gossip.

So they continued to see one another. But they were discreet about it.

They went to parties, but did not dance together. They were careful not to be photographed together, and a wall of secrecy was built.

When friends asked either of them if they were going to marry, their answers were the same.

"What do you think?" they said.

And strangely enough they didn't even know, the answer themselves until two months ago, when she returned from South Africa, because it wasn't until then that he plucked up the courage to propose. She accepted.

"I'm over the moon," she exclaimed joyfully to one close friend. "Philip and I think we are the happiest people in the world."

Between then and the day of the official announcement he continued to visit her secretly at the Palace. The secrecy was necessary to stop the rumours.

When the ladies-in-waiting were questioned by friends they replied, "We just don't know a thing." And it was true, they didn't.

Met again at a dance

It was while on leave, at the beginning of the war, that Philip met his future bride once more. They were both guests at a small dance given by the Duchess of Kent, at her house near Iver, Bucks.

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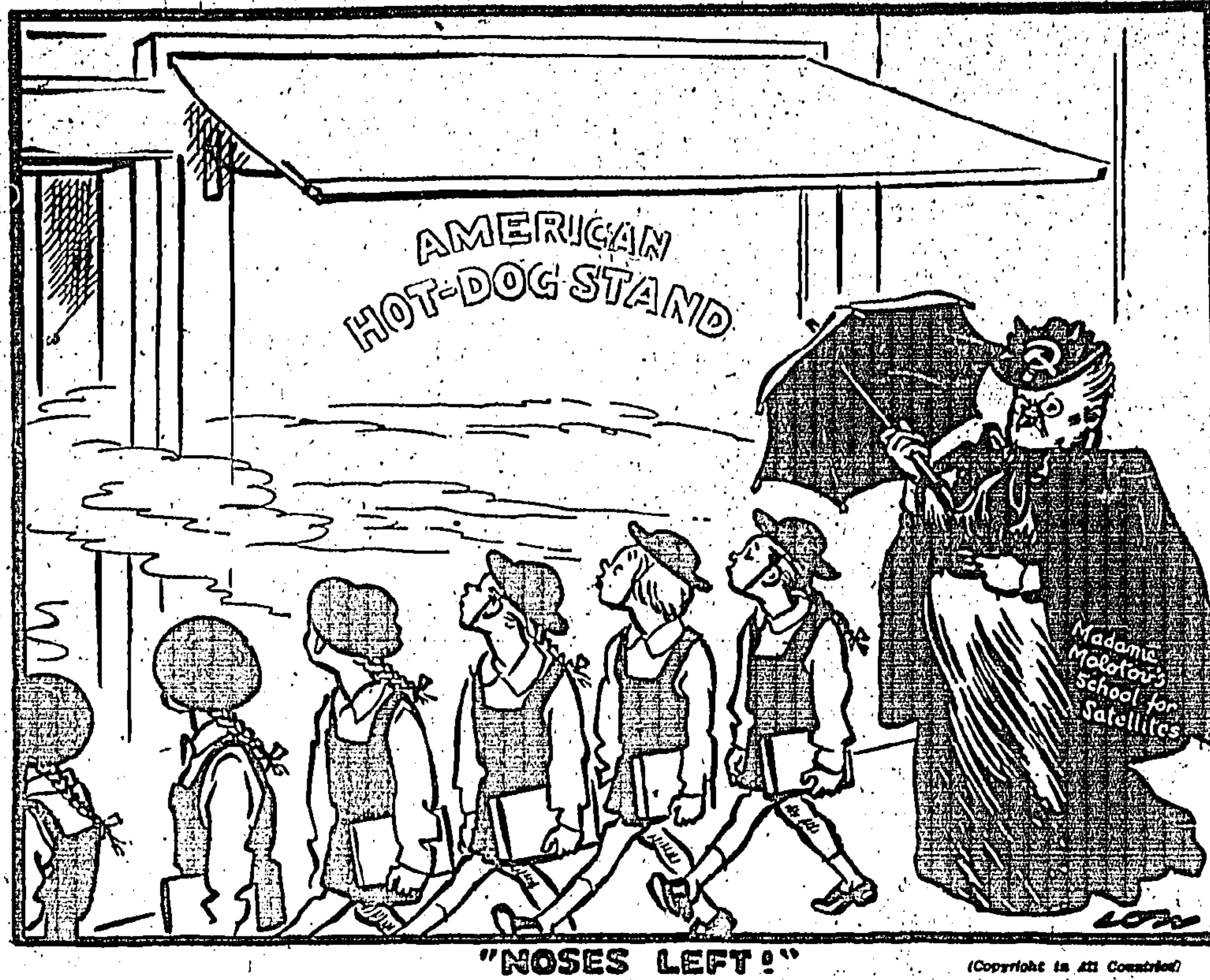
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## TRANSPORT NEEDS ARE PRESSING

- By "Candidus" -

**M**Y reference to monopolies last week stirred up considerable comment, and the Star Ferry Company came in for the lion's share of criticism. I must admit that after crossing the harbour on a recent evening shortly after 5 p.m. (at least, I reached the ferry pier shortly after five) my gorge did rise somewhat. It was during the rush hour. For the sake of accuracy, perhaps I should refer to it as the slow hour, for the inadequate service certainly slowed up the homeward progress of thousands of people.

When I arrived at my destination in Kowloon I was asked why I had not taken a ferry before five o'clock. Apparently, some people are able to get away in order to escape the ordeal—but what about the thousands who cannot do so?

Pushing; squeezing; waiting! And in the most enervating heat!

And once aboard! Doubtless the ferries observe a safety factor in the matter of loading, but I shudder to think what would happen should a steamer or other heavy vessel collide with one of those densely packed ferries. As far as I could see, there were nearly as many passengers standing as there were sitting. Perhaps somebody counts, or in other manner measures the human cargo. Possibly the Sworn Measurers assist (which might account for the first word of their title). In any case, travelling to Kowloon during certain hours is an unpleasant ordeal on account of the congestion and the natural eagerness of people to reach their homes.

**O**f course I knew that ferries cannot be built within a few weeks, but it is nearly two years since they resumed their restricted service. To worsen the crowding and confusion, I am told that smaller ancillary services which in peacetime served outlying districts adjacent to the harbour have not as yet resumed, thus compelling many additional people to use the Star ferries...

I would hazard the guess that finance is not the obstacle in the way of increasing the Company's present "rolling stock," for the millions of people carried at double prewar fares surely provide quite an impressive sum.

At the end of the war, various types of landing craft could have been secured to augment the Company's depleted fleet of ferries. Indeed, such vessels were employed

### Pity the Police

No words in any language are sufficiently strong to condemn those who are responsible for the present pay of the Hongkong policeman. Listen to this and weep!

A Portuguese constable with his wife and four children, the eldest being seven years, receives a basic wage of \$60 plus \$78 Rehabilitation Allowance, plus \$12 High Cost of Living Allowance. Total \$150 (Actually, for some unknown reason he has 50 cents deducted). Chinese constables receive less!

This man is well educated, speaks fluent English, cannot send his children to school; has no family allowance; no rent allowance. He will probably be requested to sign on for three years! No wonder he's looking for another job, poor devil! Make your own comment!

**I**t is here that the monopolistic system comes in for adverse criticism. If those who cater for the public are unable to cope with the demand, I can see no reason whatever why Government should not call for tenders from other concerns who would be only too willing to provide suitable craft, complying with local regulations in the matter of safety and efficiency, thus meeting an urgent public need.

Government should insist that the travelling public be reasonably provided for in the matter of transport, and make its views known to the monopoly concerned. If the Company operating the ferries is unable to cope with the demand, then others should be encouraged to do so.

**T**HE ultimate solution must be a tunnel, and this should be built and operated by Government. The revenue from the electric railway which would serve the Island and the Mainland would, I am assured, be a profitable undertaking, and would help to swell the Colony's coffers.

Naturally, there would be considerable opposition from certain sections of the community, but no argument in opposition should be needed. If a public loan could be floated tomorrow for such purpose, I would predict that it would be over-subscribed in a few days.

If nationalisation of certain essential services is desirable in Great Britain, why not get down to business here and ignore any vested interests for the sake of the people in particular, and the Colony in general?

## Japan Royalty Enters Fishmongering Trade

Royalty has entered the fish-mongering trade in Japan. Square-chinned, bulky Prince Naruhiko Higashikuni, a member of one of Japan's 14 Royal Families, has established this precedent.

He is the proprietor of a new fish-shop in the shack-arcade, Shinjuku Market in Tokyo.

Former general of the Japanese Army, Naruhiko Higashikuni now aims to make a living by selling salted fish, seaweed and shellfish (on the authorised market).

No other Japanese prince has set so many royal precedents as the square-chinned Higashikuni.

He is the first prince:

To become Prime Minister (Aug. 1940)

To drop into a street stall and to taste a dish of "boiling beef stew."

To form a baseball team with members of his family.

To publish his memoirs entitled, "My Record" (current Japanese best-seller).

### No More Animal Fights

To the deepest regret of the gamblers, Sikkoku recently gave up animal fights.

The island was known all over Japan for its bull-fights (bull v. bull), dog-fights, and cock-fights.

Police orders closing these sporting extractions from the social life of Japan said:

"For the purpose of preventing cruelty to animals and danger to the public order caused by these atrocious exhibitions, all animal-fights are to be prohibited immediately... It shames peaceful Japan that such cruel shows are still in existence... Any violators of this regulation are to be fined or imprisoned..."

One day before the order was sent from Tokyo, one of Edo's bull-owners bought 10 fighting bulls, each at 110,000 yen, saw the published order next day, sold them all, disgusted, at 20,000 yen each, to a butcher of Matsuyama, Shime prefecture.

### Homeless Staggered

Staggering figures were announced by Osaka's prefectoral Police Department to the bombed-out, homeless Japanese.

These showed that 10,193 restaurants and amusement establishments (including cafes, cabarets and geisha-houses) had been constructed since the war's end, making the total of 13,200 in Osaka prefecture (population: 2,976,140).

Calculation proved that there was one of these establishments to every 220 persons in the prefecture.

The much-needed construction materials, instead of going to the bombed-out and homeless, had been sold at terrific price to the owners of cafes, geisha houses.

Surprised officials of the Police Department hurriedly forbade any new construction of houses for this type of trade.

### Imitative Culture

Mr. Antrobus described how the order for the ring reached him.

"Princess Andrew of Greece, Lieutenant, Mountaineer's mother, came into my establishment in June.

"She showed me a ring which, I gathered, was made during the occupation of Greece. It seemed to be of great sentimental value to her. She did not say that her son was anything to do with the Royal engagement."

"She wished me to extract the central stone and the two smaller ones in the ring and to remount them, together with one or two other small diamonds, in a ring of modern setting."

"Together, we drew a pencilled sketch of the new ring on paper on the top of a glass case. The result was basically her design."

"When the ring was ready and Princess Andrew came here again to view it she seemed very pleased."

## Made Ring For The Princess

It took two men just over a week to make Princess Elizabeth's platinum engagement ring and to set it with 11 diamonds.

The central stone, about three carats, is about the size of the nail of a woman's little finger. On each of the shoulders on either side of this stone are five small diamonds.

George Taubl, who lives at Hatfield, foreman of the manufacturing section of Philip Antrobus, jewellers, of Regent-place, made the ring itself.

Harry Marchant, a young ex-RAF Londoner, did the delicate job of setting the stones.

They said: "It was a very simple design giving no trouble. And we did not know it was to be for the Princess until after we had made it."

Its value? Said Mr. W. L. Antrobus: "I cannot, of course, discuss that. The central stone is a fine diamond."



MARCHANT and TAUBL

## 58,350 Americans Back 'War' On Britain

### THE MEN AND THE MONEY BEHIND THE LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE

by Evelyn Webber

**N**o fewer than 58,350 people in the United States have taken out membership subscriptions to the American League for a Free Palestine, advocates of terrorism who have pledged themselves to "war" against Britain and who recently tried unsuccessfully to boycott the sale of British goods here.

Additional members are being sought. League speakers are touring the country holding rallies and parlour meetings to get them. With a plainly stated object of "moulding community opinion into a single battle front always emphasising the attack," they are inflaming audiences from here to California with anti-British propaganda.

Centre is like war GHQ

So far they have not captured much of America's mind. But a large staff of workers is feverishly attending to that right now.

In New York, where the American League for a Free Palestine occupies the entire floor of a Manhattan office building, they are turning out leaflets and propaganda at an alarming rate. They work in offices equipped with maps, teletype machine and a radio communications system. Everybody hurries. The atmosphere there is like that of a headquarters during the war.

I paid a visit to the Financial Controller, Mr. J. Brandt. He told me about the membership.

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"Seventy-five percent are of Jewish faith," he said. "The rest are of all religions. But of

this 25 percent who are non-Jews more than half are in New York.

Members pay annual subscriptions of 30s. In cases of extreme hardship we reduce this to 6s."

In exchange for their money subscribers get a regular supply of anti-British literature, a vitriolic "news sheet" called The Answer, and, said Mr. Brandt, "a dance or a social, too. They are sent a bill when their subscriptions expire. Ninety percent renew them. We have no difficulty—we have good salesmen. It is just like selling stocks."

Subscriptions alone bring the League £87,500 a year. An additional £37,500 is received in voluntary donations. Despite the fact that the organisation has tentacles in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago and Los Angeles, a huge proportion of both these sums is paid by New Yorkers.

They give 95 percent of all donations. And they comprise 75 percent of total membership.

Just the same, many of the charter members and sponsors of the American League for a Free Palestine here are unaware of the existence of any membership other than the executive groups. ("The announcement '140,000 members' appeared once in a 'special report' issued for publicity

"I was only paid for my appearance in the play," he said. "I don't remember how much, but anyway I gave it back to the League. They are doing great work."

Please don't think I am anti-British. I don't write violent advertisements. I abhor violence."

"Why do you support it?" I asked. "I abhor all kinds of Fascism, too," said Reynolds. And slammed down the receiver.

Their smiles faded, however, when I blurted, "They don't pay me anything. I am not getting expenses."

I waited for more. But before Mr. Roosevelt could tell me any more his friends hustled him away.

He managed only one remark—hurled at me over his shoulder. "You see? I don't give interviews to reporters."

### No pay—and no expenses'

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## ROME'S BRONZE HORSEMEN RIDE AGAIN IN PEACE

Bronze horsemen ride again today on the proud horses from which they were unsaddled during the war. In every Italian city the mounted heroes have been placed again in the saddles they exchanged for cellar hiding places when Allied bombs threatened their destruction.

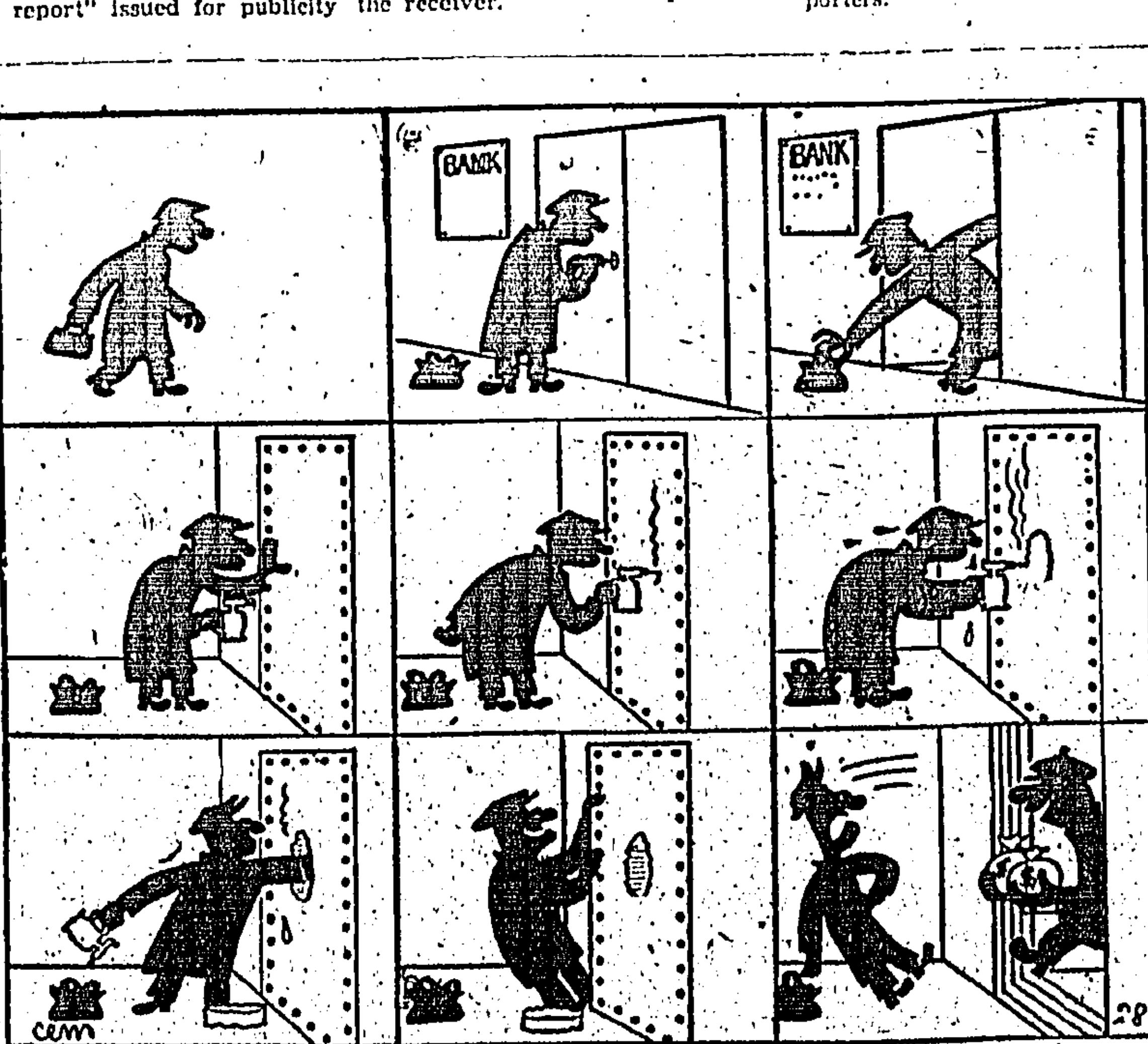
The first rider to be remounted on his bronze charger was the stalwart Duke Cosimo I of Florence. Hidden in the dungeons of the Lanzi Palace during the war, he was finally towed through the streets of Florence behind a U.S. Army jeep to his waiting horse. He was remounted at night, however, for reasons of dignity.

The final touch to restore the old duke to grandeur was the placing of the ancient bronze like, designed by Giovanni da Bologna, in his right hand, completing the picture of the man described by the poet Francesco Petrarca as "a symbol of justice and power."

In Venice the famous warrior Bartolomeo Colleoni was hoisted back into the saddle after several inglorious years in a dusty cellar in San Zanipolo square. The statue, cast in bronze by Leonardo da Vinci's teacher, Andrea Verrocchio, in 1460, was the first equestrian statue in the world to show a horse without all four feet on the ground.

Restoration of other ancient and priceless works of art removed from public squares during the war is also progressing.

Such famed statues as Michelangelo's "David," Benvenuto Cellini's "Perseus" and Donatello's "Judith and Holofernes," the first in marble and the latter two in bronze, have been restored in Florence's famed Piazza della Signoria. They were hidden in the Lanzi dungeons with Duke Cosimo during the war.



SURPRISE

## Trying To Win Snooker Championship Doesn't Pay

BY ARCHIE QUICK

Although this is the silly season for snooker and billiards, professionally, the newly formed Players' Association keeps active during the summer. It is good news to learn that it is to attempt to revive the defunct billiards championship, and I understand a new rule is to be introduced, sponsored by Sidney Smith, whereby the ball must be played from hand in the D every 100 shots.

This will have the effect of reducing the unspectacular top-of-the-table and close cannon play, for once a player has gained those uninteresting formations he has soon to break position to get back to the D.

The Professional Players' Association is also going to try to force the hand of the Control Council and get rules and regulations passed in order to put the present farce of World Snooker Championship on a proper basis.

The professionals are determined that never again will the final be held over until another season as this year. As one professional put it to me: players are now appearing in the event without wages.

### GUARANTEES WANTED

What happens now is that they pay a big entrance fee for the kudos of appearing and with little hope of winning, except for the select few, and most of the proceeds going to the promoting hall.

What the players are asking for are better guarantees.

And this year whoever wins the title out of Walter Donaldson and Fred Davis will hold it only a few months.

It has been arranged that this postponed event shall take place in October, but my best advice is that it will not take place until November because Fred wants to get practice in public before the actual title match.

Horace Lindrum is due from South Africa but he is going immediately to Australia with his mother to see to their businesses there, and will then return to England in time for the start of the winter season.

Joe Davis returns from South Africa in September and is going to have a big say in the administrative side of the game.

The Donaldson-Davis match will take place at the renovated Thursdays Hall, Leicester Square, which has a capacity of only 1,170 compared with 1,600 at the Royal Horticultural Hall last time.

### COSTS TOO HIGH

That event was staged by a firm of billiards tables and accessories manufacturers, but the expense to them was so great in fitting out the hall that they will not play again. And the Control Council evidently have not the enterprise to take a chance of their own. Thus prices to the public will have to be pretty high, which is bad for popularising the game. Only a favoured few will be able to see this final.

That there is still big money in the game for the professionals however, is demonstrated by the fact that Alec Brown of London is out with a £250 challenge for a level game with Albert Brown of Birmingham. Alec recently played Tommy Woods, the Southampton champion £100 level and won five frames to two after losing the first two.



### SPORTING SAM



## SPORTS FEATURES

### Sports Amazons Are Also Very Feminine

#### NOTABLE HURDLER IS SOCIETY BEAUTY

(BY RECORDER)

There are some women who dislike undue reference to the "gentle sex" and as a result we have our Amy Johnsons, Amelia Earharts and Mildred Didriksons. The revolt against the proscribed gentle touch that tradition associates with femininity produces much that is Amazonian and much, also, that remains surprisingly feminine even to an ultra-femininity.

At Amsterdam in 1928 the bewhiskered old-timers of the Olympic Committee watched a German girl, Lina Radice, collapse across the finishing line as with Teutonic determination she annexed the women's 800 metres run crown. After Fraulein Radice at Amsterdam the Olympic Committee decided that the 800 metres was a near-homicidal event for the tomboys and washed it off the Olympic programme.

There are other events, however, yet open to the Amazon. The greatest Amazon of them all was probably Mildred "Babe" Didrikson, the Texas drug-store clerk, who at Los Angeles in 1932 set world records for the 80 metres hurdles, the javelin throw, and tied for first in the high jump only to lose in the jump-off.

Earlier the "Babe", who in circa-1932 photos looked like an overgrown—bobby-soxer—wouldn't be kept out off the backyard baseball game, won the hurdles, high jump, shot put, javelin and baseball throws at the American National AAU Championships.

The Babe, if legend must be confounded, wasn't a bad-looking girl. In her younger days she had an inclination to muscularity and had not yet developed a clothes-sense. To-day, as Mrs. George Zaharias and as the first American woman in many years to take the British Women's Golf Open, she is attractive enough and may probably yet hit a full page portrait in "Vogue."

### MANY EXCEPTIONS

Indeed, it is difficult to decide finally whether women in athletics are brutish in appearance as a rule. There are so many exceptions. A prize camera study that emanated out of the Berlin Olympics in 1936 was a close up of Forrest Towns, the high hurdles champ, and Trebisonda Valla of Italy, the women's hurdling champ. Signorina Valla was a very attractive number.

However, the Amazonian parade in Berlin that disposed of the discus and Javelin medals consisted of a hard-faced set of Teutonic and Central European maidens of an appearance that later taunted concentration camp internees in the gas-chamber era.

I am all againts the throwing events for women. True enough, some years ago one of the screen magazines published an attractive study of shapely Jean Parker poised with the disc and the Javelin among other athletic paraphernalia. Miss Parker looked cute as a button but I doubt that she could have thrown either implement far enough for an Olympic medal. Not against tough girls like Munich's Gisela Mauermeier. Fraulein Mauermeier was somewhere in the vicinity of 200 lbs. and had a chest expansion that may have started Rosenberg and Hitler on their dreams of a Teutonic motherhood. She wasn't a bad-looking girl by Valhalla standards, but she was no Jean Parker.

**MISS COPPERTHWAITE**

Yet, the girls, undaunted by the disaff side sports reporter who permits himself an occasional crack on angularity, still go in for Olympic laurels. Latest Athletic Miss to set America agog is the "Society Hurdler," 26-year-old Nancy Copperthwaite, whose name, we are informed, can be found on page 164 of the

New York Social Register for 1947.

Miss Copperthwaite is an heiress to part of a furniture and insurance fortune. She graduated from the very select Miss Porter's School, which, in later years, was besieged by anxious reporters who outrageously wanted to know if Miss Porter's School ran a track team. She is not yet in the Didrikson-Valla class as a high hurdler, showing only 12 seconds flat to the former's 11.6, but she has the rotegray sports page as often as the other two did with a pale naming beauty that looks nifty over a hurdle. She is in training for London and has been running a track team. She is not yet in the Didrikson-Valla class as a high hurdler, showing only 12 seconds flat to the former's 11.6, but she has the rotegray sports page as often as the other two did with a pale naming beauty that looks nifty over a hurdle. She is in training for London and has been

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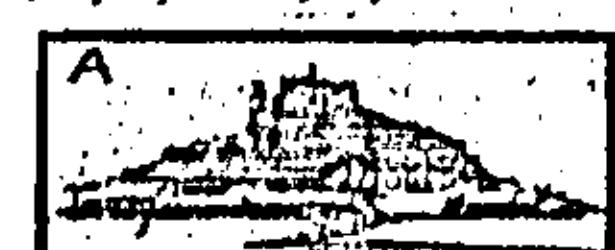
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## Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 10

1. If you wanted to buy a carbuncle you would go to—  
Coal merchant, chiropodist, jeweller, doctor?
2. Who were the original—  
(a) Chocolate Coloured Coon,  
(b) White-eyed Kafir,  
(c) Prime Minister of Mirth,  
(d) Man in the Velvet Suit?
3. In which books would you read about these imaginary lands—  
Utopia, Lilliput, Shangri-La?



4. Two well-known holiday landmarks.  
Do you know them?

5. The first batsman to score over 400 runs in an innings in first-class cricket was—  
L. Hutton, W. G. Grace, D. G. Bradman, A. C. McLaren, W. H. Ponsford, J. B. Hobbs?
6. On one of these continents it is possible to be 1,000 miles from the sea—  
Africa, N. America, Asia, Australia?
7. Which of these peers are Socialists—  
Marquis of Normanby, Viscount St Davids, Viscount Simon, Lord Rothschild?

8. The original Commandos were—  
Pirates, missionaries, Asiatic race that overran Europe, Boer irregular troops?

9. How many sheets of writing paper are there in a—  
(a) Quire; (b) ream?

10. How long did Christ remain on earth after the resurrection—  
3, 7, 21, 40 days?

## RAF MEN TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL

A group of young RAF men stationed at Singapore spend their Sunday off-duty hours as Sunday School teachers.

Their headquarters are at Trinity Church, Changi, where recently a large congregation of parents and children from the married quarters attended on Empire Youth Sunday.

So that all of the teachers would be present, the "anniversary" of the opening of the Sunday School six months before was celebrated by the presentation of book prizes and certificates of merit to the best pupils.

## London Airport's Importance WILL HANDLE 4,000 PASSENGERS HOURLY

By RICHARD TOMPKINS

London Airport is rising from all 300 feet wide and have been constructed with a view to becoming one of the great crossroads of international air travel.

Eventually—when it is completed in 1953—it will be capable of serving 4,000 East- and West-bound passengers every hour.

The great field, which will cover seven square miles in area, is located 19 miles from Charing Cross, the centre of London, and its final cost has been estimated between £20,000,000 and £30,000,000.

The airport, formerly known as Heathrow, had its genesis in the Royal Air Force's need for a field near the city, large enough to accommodate the largest types of military aircraft. Later it was visualized to become Britain's international airport.

Now the British Government, carrying out this plan, is literally moving two rivers and erasing two or more villages to permit runways to be built for the largest conceivable planes.

### WORK BEGUN IN 1944

Work has begun in May 1944. The war ended before the completion of the first runway, and the airfield was placed under the control of the Ministry of Civil Aviation on January 1, 1946.

In the early days of mud and tents, the task was to dispose of 100,000,000 gallons of water, install a drainage system and excavate 2,000,000 tons of earth and gravel. The first three main runways absorbed 1,114,000 square yards of concrete 12 inches thick.

Eventually, it is planned to have nine runways, varying in length from 9,000 to 5,300 feet. The main runway can be extended to 15,000 feet if the need should arise.

The three main runways are the airport will be 1,000 in Stage One, 2,500 in Stage Two and 4,000 in Stage Three.

Air Ministry planners rejected an dangerous a scheme to install runways in a tangential pattern, like spokes in a wheel. It was argued that if a landing plane overshot its runways it might cross the path of an aircraft taking off, and thought that on converging runways, aircraft might collide on the ground or in the air during bad visibility. Therefore, the staggered parallel system of runways was adopted.

The system of fog dispersal, known as "Fido," also was abandoned because of the high cost of operation. The Ministry says it is awaiting the American development of another system before considering its use later.

The Airport, however, already is using ground control approach (CCA) facilities, the RAF's favourite wartime bad weather early landing aid.

A Pan-American clipper recently made the first passenger landing under the newly-installed system.

### WORKERS' HOUSING

Levelling of ground and the filling-in of ditches and ponds is progressing, as is the construction of prefabricated buildings, and other temporary installations which give the airport the appearance of an emergency landing field.

A real need now is housing for the thousands of men and women who will be employed on aircraft maintenance, as traffic clerks, customs and immigration officials, and in other duties. The Ministry of Health has called a conference of local authorities to plan new homes.

While plans for the airport are still fluid, the scheme includes permanent buildings, hotels, entertainment, visitors' promenades, underground roads, subway transit and other facilities, which will make the airport area a modern city in itself.

It is an ambitious project designed to equal any airport in the world as the "front door" of Britain and the gateway to the European continent. Associated Press.

## SCIENCE FEATURE

### CURE FOR PSYCHIC DEAFNESS

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE

New York.—A dramatic improvement of hearing in some cases of severe deafness among war veterans through use of a sleeping drug has been reported by Dr Herman Semenov, of Beverly Hills, California.

There were cases of psychic deafness, due partly or entirely to psychological causes, in which the patients with severe deafness in mind somehow affected the hearing both ears had psychic problems in nerves, he told the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology recently.

The drug used is a sedative, sodium pentothal, which puts the usually their deafness was greater than it should be for such organic troubles. In some, deafness persisted even though the injury or disease had been cured. Others were

treated emotional or psychological deaf with no physical explanation.

With twilight sleep treatment to find and remove the psychic cause, a dramatic restoration of hearing occurred in 60 percent of the pure functional cases, in which there was no structural damage, Dr. Semenov said. "In cases mixed with organic ear disease, there was a remarkable improvement up to the level of the limiting ear disease."

Hearing was restored to useful levels in 70 percent of the cases selected for treatment, which included many cases with organic injury."

Similar cases of psychic deafness among civilians may be more common than previously suspected, Dr. Semenov said.—Associated Press.

## LITTLE EVA ON HER WAY TO REJOIN HER FATHER

Bright-eyed little Eva Tana Rosen is one of the most excited passengers aboard the UNRRA-chartered repatriation ship, Marine Lynx, which left Shanghai last week to take more than 700 refugees back to their homes in Germany and Austria.

All of the repatriates have been screened by UNRRA's displaced persons division and IRO, to be sure they are bona fide war-displaced persons. They were provided with necessary travelling papers and various other service prior to their sailing.

The Marine Lynx is the last mass shipment of European repatriates to leave Shanghai this year.

### Chief Escort

Chief escort of the ship is Erling J. Logan, of Seattle, deputy director of UNRRA's displaced persons division. Logan joined UNRRA in May 1946, after four years in the Marine Corps, and arrived in Shanghai in June 1946.

In the year he has been in the displaced persons division, UNRRA has repatriated 1,332 other European refugees from China in previous shipments, sent 21,000 overseas Chinese to their homes in Southeast Asia, and brought back 13,000 war-displaced Chinese to their homeland in Canton.

She is graduate of the Cook County School of Nursing in Chicago, and holds degrees from the University of Minnesota and Columbia University.

Major Dokken has been with UNRRA since September 1944. Before coming to China in August 1946, she served in the North African, Italian and German missions of UNRRA. For the past year in China she has been nursing consultant to the Shanghai Health Department, and worked with the Fong Pin Hospital in Canton.

She is graduate of the Cook County School of Nursing in Chicago, and holds degrees from the University of Minnesota and Columbia University.

Mr Bishop has been in UNRRA since February, 1946, and in China since March 1946. She was assigned to Hsainlin, North Kiangsu, a member of a kuaizuan team in Communist areas. When military activities there increased and bombs destroyed his hospital, the team was evacuated to Tsingtao, and Mrs. Bishop was

sent to the U.S. Navy. In the Pacific, joined UNRRA in January reassigned to work in Peiping.

## VIGNETTES OF LIFE

"More Detours"

By KEMP STARRETT



## Married Couples Given "Refresher" Course

The Rev. Alexander Stevenson of Brisbane recently held a "refresher" course in marriage for ex-prisoners of war and their wives.

## EGYPTIAN PRINCESS' FORTUNE

**CAIRO.**—Details of the fortune left by the late Egyptian Princess Chevilkir have been announced. The combined value of her land, property, jewels and cash holdings made her the wealthiest woman in the world, outside America. Succession duties on her estate totalled US\$2,000,000; so her fortune probably exceeds US\$35,000,000.

The Princess owned 12,300 feddans (equal to about 13,000 acres) of extremely rich land in Lower Egypt.

In Cairo and Alexandria, the Princess owned six large and many small buildings as well as a palace and part of a residential area.

Her jewels run into hundreds of thousands of dollars and the amount she left in cash is known to be substantial.

### Much Married

Princess Chevilkir, who died in Cairo a few months ago, was believed to be about 70 years of age. She married four times, her first husband being Prince Fund, who later became King Fund of Egypt. The Princess was divorced from Prince Fund before he came to the throne.

She had two sons and two daughters by her various husbands and at the time of her death, was married to Elhami Hussein Pasha, an Egyptian notable.

A woman of great energy and considerable personal charm, Princess Chevilkir was well-known in Paris, Rome and other European capitals.

She loved entertaining and her parties were always conducted on lavish lines. Shortly before her death she gave an evening reception at her Cairo palace which was attended by King Farouk and all the elite of Cairo society.

### Elaborate Funeral

She had not been feeling well for some time, but she made a special effort to receive her guests and then retired to bed. A few days later she died and was accorded a grandiose funeral.

Most of the late Princess' wealth was inherited from her brother, Prince Selim El-Din of Turkey, who once tried to kill Prince Fund and who later was kept under special medical observation.

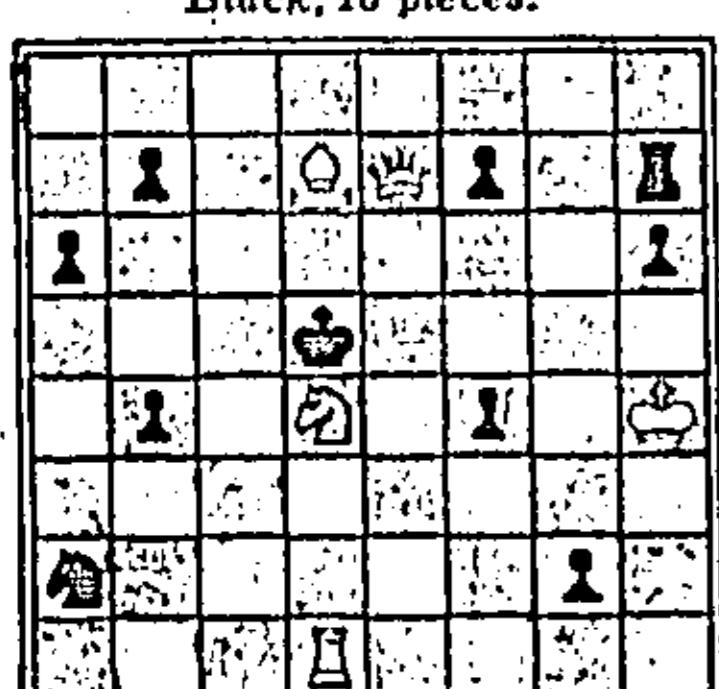
Besides being the leading Egyptian socialite, Princess Chevilkir took a great interest in charitable works and gave large amounts of money to the poor.—United Press.

## GENOCIDE The New Word from UNO

### CHESS PROBLEM

By J. POSFISL

Black, 10 pieces.



White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Rf—Q8, ch; 2. Q—e1, mate.

### ARE YOU SURE?

ANSWERS

Questions on Page 9.

1. Jeweller. It is a precious stone.
2. (a) G. H. Elliott. (b), G. H. Chirrwin. (c) George Robey. (d) Billy Williams. 3. Sir Thomas More's "Utopia". Swift's "Gulliver's Travels". James Hilton's "Lost Horizon".
4. (a) St. Michael's Mount, Cornwall. (b) Le Mont Saint Michel, France.
5. A. C. MacLaren. 4/24, Lancashire v. Somerset, 1895. 6. Asia? 7. All except Viscount Simon (Liberal).
8. Boer irregular troops. 9. (a) 24; (b) 400, 10, 40 days.

A draft convention defining the word "genocide" (the extermination of races) and outlining the punishment of individuals and Governments who should commit this crime against human beings, was drawn up by the United Nations secretariat.

If the crime of genocide had existed in international law, with a tribunal to enforce it, during the persecution of the Jews by Hitler or the attempted extermination of the Armenians under the old Ottoman Empire, Germany and Turkey could have been indicted and brought to book. The convention lists massacres, forced labour, brutal biological experiments, sterilisation and the prevention of marriages as being among the chief racial crimes.

Punishment would be meted out to individuals or to Governments committing them either by national courts or by an international penal tribunal or, in the case of Governments, by a special judicial committee of the Security Council.

The Convention on Genocide will go first to the Economic and Social Council for ratification and then to the State members of the United Nations for incorporation into their body of law.

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

- Across: 1 and 8 Down, Rent tribunal; 3. Adapt; 7. Tattered; 10. Ire; 11. Bere; 12. Obligate; 15. Verb; 16. Atone; 18. Attune; 20. Pet; 21. Thing; 23. Beg; 24. Tasker; 25. Abolition; Down: 1. Renovate; 2. Nail; 3. Ate; 4. Debate; 5. Are; 6. Per; 7. Tibet; 8. See; 9. Cross; 10. Deletion; 13. Gang; 14. Topic; 17. Negro; 19. Tit; 22. Hob.

## Rupert and the Young Imp—34

The young Imp wants to stay and do good turns for other people, but Rupert tucks him under his arm and sets off at a good speed. The Imps of Spring are expecting to see him and meet him again. "I promise to make them about now and I must keep my word." Leaving Nutwood behind, he goes back to the common, and there, sure enough, are two of the larger Imps standing on their pile of boulders. "They will look rather severe," he mutters as he nests them.

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## ROUND THE EMPIRE . . . . . with Pateman



(Solution to Quiz on Page 12)

BOOKS . . . by GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

## Miss Roach gets boarding-house nerves

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### Remarkable Service

Mr and Mrs D. Muir, of Shafston Avenue, Kangaroo Point, who were married at St. Mary's four years ago, said: "We went to the service to watch the reaction of the younger couples."

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# TELEGRAPH NEWSREEL

## WELCOME TO NEW GOVERNOR

On Friday last week, Hongkong welcomed its new Governor, His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham, KCMG. Picture on the left shows the new Governor at Queen's Pier, where prominent citizens were presented to him. He is seen about to shake hands with the United States Consul-General, Mr George D. Hopper. Picture immediately below at left shows His Excellency inspecting the guard of honour. At right is the scene at King's Theatre, where addresses of welcome were tendered. Sir Alexander is pictured replying to the address. (Photos: Ming Yuen)



MR S. B. WONG and his bride, formerly Miss Helen Yue, who were married at the Hongkong Hotel on Sunday last. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

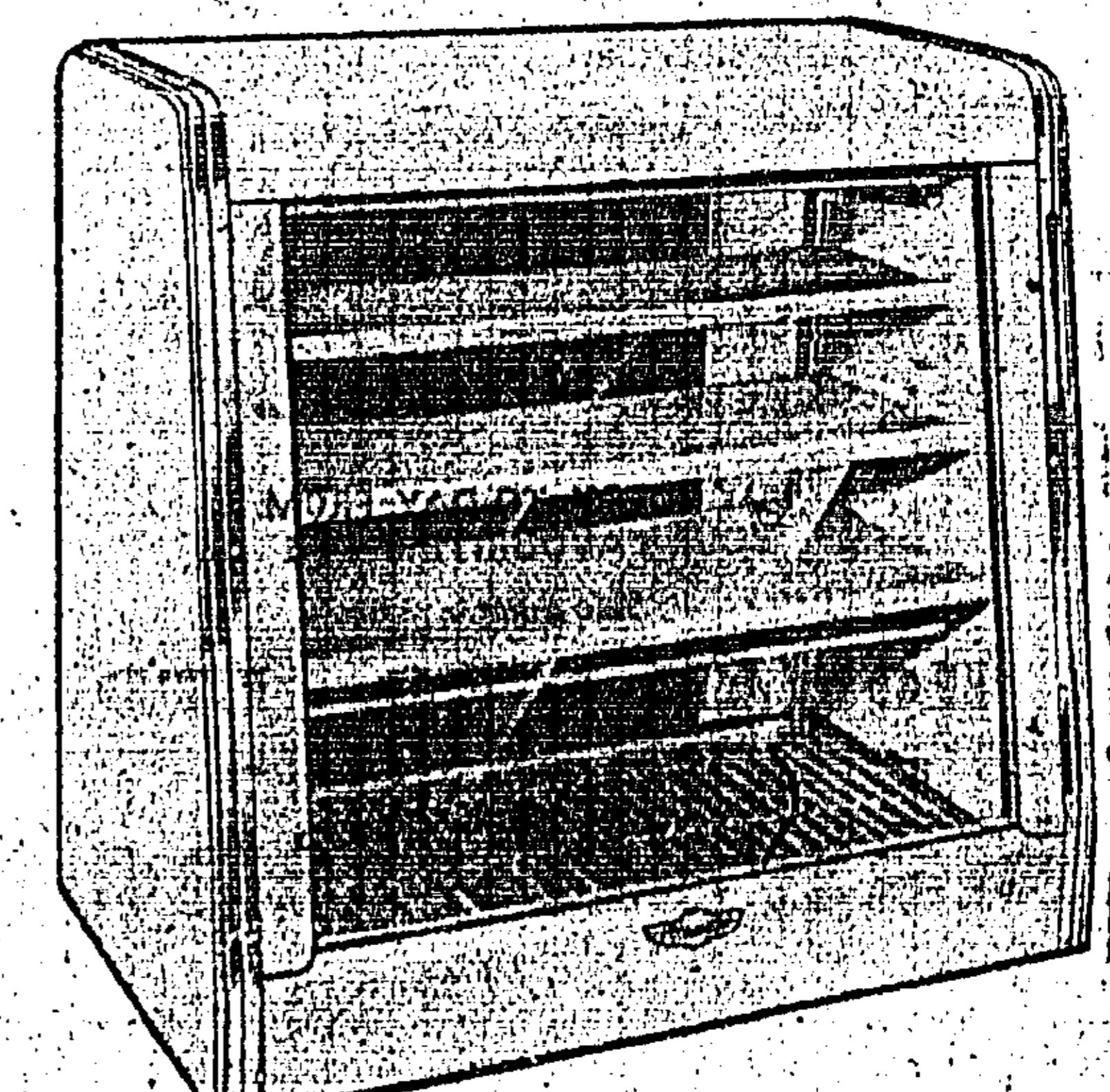
CATHEDRAL WEDDING—Picture taken after the marriage at St John's Cathedral on Monday of Edmund Colin Luscombe, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Miss Jill Rosemary Stokes. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

MR A. FLEURY-CHENU of Saigon and Miss Palmira Cecilia do Rozario of Hongkong were married last Sunday at St Teresa's Church. Group at left was taken after the ceremony. (Photo: Leo Cheung)



AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL last Saturday, the marriage took place of Mr Lloyd C. McCollum, of Emporia, Kansas, and Miss Doris English, of Endorlin, North Dakota. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

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WINNER of the beauty contest held last Sunday at the Land Forces pool, Miss Ng Tan-fung was declared "Miss Hongkong of 1947." (Photo: Golden Studio)

REGISTRY WEDDING—Mr Wong Nan-fong and Miss Shum Oi-ling, photographed at left, were married at the Registry Office recently. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



THE BAPTIST CHURCH at Tsimshatsui was the scene of the wedding last Saturday of Mr Lin Cho-chun and Miss Ruby Lee. (Photo: Mayfair Studio)

## CHURCH NOTICE

## GOSPEL HALL

Duddell Street

(Between the Bank of China and the National City Bank of New York).  
Sunday 11 a.m. Breaking-of-Dread.  
Sunday 8 p.m. Gospel Meeting.  
Tuesday 8 p.m. Bible Study.  
Thursday 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.  
Tuesday evening for Ladies on Monday,  
4.45 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

All English speaking friends are welcome.

UNITED STATES FACES  
3 COURSES IN CHINA

BY BILL LOGAN

Shanghai, August 1.—The United States' future in China can be reduced to three exceedingly difficult choices. Can it give unreserved help to the Kuomintang to crush the Communists? Can it insist on a liberal government? Or can it sit back and watch things drift?

## Things to Come...

## Perfect Rest

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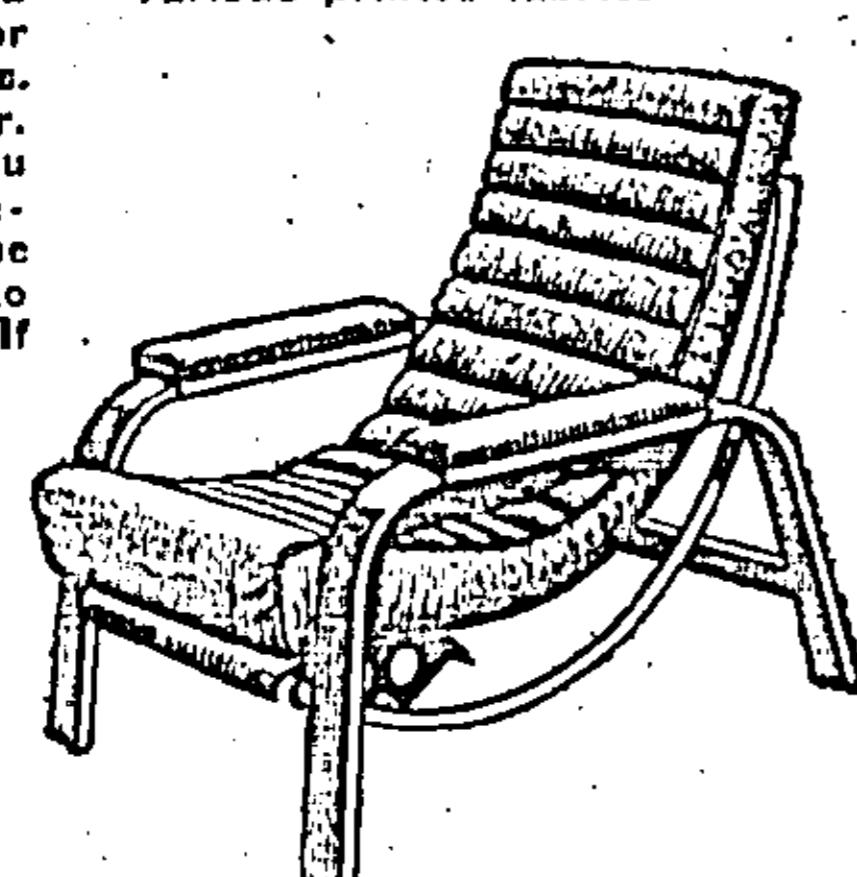
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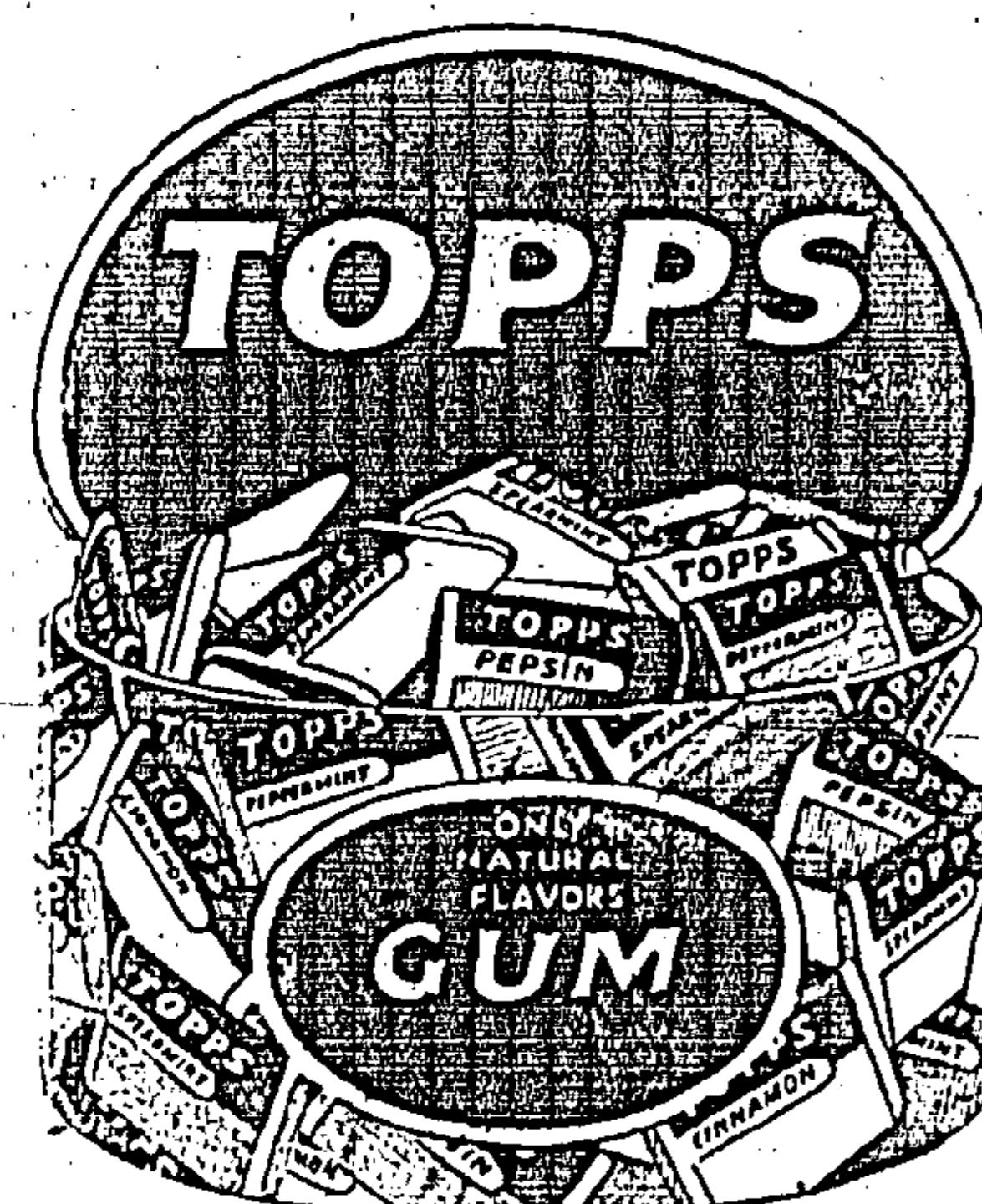
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Enquire at Krishna Silk Store, Hankow Road,  
for information and reservation.

All three have great disadvantages, observers believe. The United States might include a middle course—insist on a re-organised government plus limited closely supervised financial assistance.

America has this power because of its economic and military position and wealth enough, if used properly, to restore China's economy. The Chinese look to America as a bulwark against future Japanese aggression and a safety valve to prevent USSR encroachment of Chinese sovereignty.

The Kuomintang likes nothing better than unrestricted help and minimum supervision, enough arms, ammunition, planes and bombs to drive the Communists into harmless areas, plus huge loans to combat inflation.

This course is hardly feasible because past sums of three or four million dollars wasted in Army equipment which was lost, looted which were misused, and military campaigns bungled. If the Communists reduce the war to one of attrition the Reds can win unless the Kuomintang thoroughly improves its military and economic position.

## Billions Down The Drain

American businessmen, who have seen billions go "down the drain," are resolutely opposed to seeing this again, claiming that it harms American interests instead of helping them.

If American help, without direct participation, could wipe out the Communist menace, it might seem an easy solution despite a strain on Soviet relations, but many American officials believe Russia would not act.

The second choice—the most desirable and which was requested by Gen George Marshall—is the most difficult. The Generalissimo is surrounded by friends and advisers with whom he has worked since the early days of the Kuomintang. He does not like to discard them, and China cannot become liberal with them. Some, like Chen Li-fu, Minister of Organisation of the Kuomintang, is far too powerful to be pushed around.

Finding the liberals to form a completely reorganised government is no easy task. The Young China Party is more or less fastened to the government coat-tails. The Democratic League is far too Leftist. The Democratic Socialists are somewhere in the middle.

A few men are regarded as actually liberal, like Shaw Li-tze, a member of the Kuomintang and Secretary-General of the PPC, Mo Teh-hui, former Ambassador to Moscow, Hu Lin, editor of the Ta Kung Pao, and Dr Hu Shih, former United States Ambassador and now President of the National Peking University.

## Tragic Possibilities

Observers, however, cannot see how a complete reorganisation can be realised until the old guard dies out. The Kuomintang has lost much influence with the people in recent years because of the war and chaotic finances, but the members, never elected by free general election, can only be ousted by the Generalissimo.

On the other hand, the Communists have not gained any prestige with the ordinary people.

The third choice has tragic possibilities. If the United States sits back to see what happens, it might be too late. Americans have great respect for the common people of China and hate to see their desperate plight get worse.

Many observers do not expect a sudden change for the worse though they certainly do not expect a sudden change for the better. A few expect the country to crack up completely.

The people are filled with despair and misery and hope for an end to the civil war, but they have survived bad situations before. They fear Russia because they believe she is helping the Chinese Communists and is eyeing the country's outer fringes. They fear Japan because her industry can cause more suffering since China is not in a position to compete.

The Chinese people fear more than anything else the United States will do nothing.—United Press.

## Wedemeyer in Peiping

Peiping, Aug. 2.—The Wedemeyer mission has arrived here from Nanjing on inspection of North China and Manchuria.

It plans a three-day stay in Peiping, and said it was seeking first-hand information on the two areas which are of "great importance to China's political and economic entity."

The group was welcomed by high Chinese and American officials. A visit to Mukden, Tsinling and Tsin-ting is planned but Dairen is not in the itinerary.—United Press.

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AMENDMENTS  
REJECTED BY  
COMMONS

London, August 1.—The House of Commons today rejected the four amendments to the Government's Town and Country Planning Bill, on which the Conservative majority defeated the Government in the House of Lords a few weeks ago.

The amendments will now be sent back to the House of Lords where it is thought the Lords will, this time, accept them. If they do not, they may, as with the Transport Nationalisation Bill, suggest further modifications.

The Town and Country Planning Bill gives the Government control over the development of land, and provides for compensation to landowners whose property is taken for Government planning schemes.

The amendments were designed to throw the scope of the Bill and modify the Government's powers.

The House of Commons will send a message to the House of Lords stating that it cannot accept these amendments, some of which the Minister for Town and Country Planning, Mr. Lewis Silkin, said would make the whole administrative machinery unworkable.

It is believed likely that attempts at compromise may yet be made.—Reuter.

Wanted Wife To  
Remarry

London, Aug. 1.—Squadron Leader Alan Stewart, killed in action two years ago at the age of 32, wanted his wife to remarry as a compliment to him, publication of the RAF flyer's will disclosed today.

"It should consider it a great compliment to my success as a husband if she were to marry again," said the will, which left Mrs. Stewart £2,103.

The widow's mother said today that she doubted if Mrs. Stewart would remarry. "She has had the best and now perhaps she will not have the second best,"—Associated Press.

Canadian Spy  
Scare Echo

London, Aug. 1.—Leading British scientists today pleaded with the Home Secretary, Mr. Chuter Ede, for the reduction of the 10-year sentence passed in May 1946 on their colleague, Dr. Alan Nunn, for alleged disclosure of atom secrets.

It is understood that a delegation from the Association of Scientific Workers, led by Professor Harold Laski, former Chairman of the Labour Party and a member of the Party Executive, was told that there could be no remission of the sentence at present.

Dr. Alan Nunn was involved in the sensational Canadian atomic spy case of 1948.—Reuter.

FIGHTING NEAR  
ATHENS

Athens, Aug. 1.—Fighting has broken out between Greek partisans and Army units near Likuriki in the Mount Parnassus area, 75 miles northwest of Athens, according to reports from Patras to the military authorities here.

The official Greek news agency reported tonight that the partisan band of 500 strong suffered heavily. Communications by sea across the Gulf of Corinth just to the south of the battle area were prohibited to prevent any attempt by the partisans to escape southwards into the Peloponese mountains.

The Royalist evening paper "Estia" stated this evening that large groups of "bandits" who had retreated from Greece into Bulgaria were being concentrated near the Bulgarian frontier, particularly near the junction of the Greek-Yugoslav and Bulgarian frontiers.

The paper stated that the partisans were being transported to concentration points in Bulgarian military trucks. The same newspaper reported that "Communist bands" are planning an attack from Bulgarian territory into Greek Thrace with the object of interrupting land communications between Greece and Turkey.—Reuter.

## ANSWER TO EMPIRE OF IR

The odds are set out:

Montgomery On  
Way Home

Sydney, Aug. 1.—Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, left Sydney for London today for talks on cuts in Britain's armed services in the light of the economic crisis.

Montgomery, who is travelling in his personal Avro York plane, is expected to make his first stop at Darwin.—Associated Press.

22 STATES  
JOIN INDIA  
DOMINION

Now Delhi, August 1.—The rulers of 22 Indian states have expressed readiness to accede to the Dominion of India, an official announcement said today.

The announcement from the Viceroy's House stated that the instrument of accession had now been finalised and accepted by the representatives of the States, following the rulers' conference with the Viceroy, Viscount Mountbatten, on July 25, and their subsequent discussions with the States Department.

The following are the 22 rulers who have expressed a desire to accede to the Indian Dominion: Travancore, Baroda, Cochin, Rajpipla, Gwalior, Patiala, Bikaner, Jodhpur, Dungarpur, Dhar, Nawansarar, Jhalawar, Panna, Tejri-Garhwal, Faridkot, Sangli, Sitwanay, Palitana, Phaltan, Khainger, Gandhara.

Now Indian Party

Calcutta, August 1.—Satish Chandra Bose, former Congress Member of the Indian Interim Government, today announced the formation of a new party to be known as the Socialist Republican Party, one of the aims being freedom from British or other influence or control.

Bose, who recently resigned from the Indian National Congress, said the other objectives would be "complete independence," the end of autocratic rule in the Indian States and the establishing of a Union of Socialist Republics in India on the basis of linguistic groupings.

The party has accepted Bose's ideology and "considers the completion of his unfinished task as its main aim," it was stated.—Reuter.

More Burmese  
Arrests

Rangoon, Aug. 1.—Ba Maw, head of the Burmese government during the Japanese occupation, and his aide Bandoola U Soin, who was his Minister of Information, were arrested today in the continuing search for the assassins of the Burmese ministers.

U Kyaw Thoungh, Burmese immigration officer, was arrested at Chittagong, and the police reported seizing arms at his home. His wife who is the niece of U Saw, the Burmese leader, is also under arrest.—United Press.

## LIRA DEVALUED

Rome, August 1.—The Italian Cabinet today devalued the lira with immediate effect, setting the official exchange rate at 350 lire to one dollar (U.S.).

This step automatically alters the value of the lira from 600 to 1,400 lire to £1, and will affect exchange rates for other currencies similarly.

—Reuter.

## OUTWARD MAI

On Monday, August 4, 1947, The General Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to Noon, and the other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be one delivery of ordinary and registered letters and one collection only from the pillar-boxes. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Registers otherwise stated. Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the Ordinary Mail. If Mail closes after 10 a.m. Registered and Parcel will close at 10 a.m. the previous day.

Saturday, August 5.

Canton (Train) 3 p.m.

Macau, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 3 p.m.

Canton (Train) 5 p.m.

Chungking, Kunming, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Canton and Kwelwin (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Sunday, August 3.

Dangkor, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Manila, P.I. (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Canton, Kwelwin, Hankow, Nanking, Shanghai, Kunming, and Calcutta (Air) 3 p.m.

Macau, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 8 a.m.

Macau, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 10 a.m.

Canton (Sea) 10 a.m.

Kongmeng, Canton, Swallow (Sea) 10 a.m.

Monday, August 4.

General, Arunachal & General (Air) 10 a.m.

Macau, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 8 a.m.

Macau, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 10 a.m.

Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.

Manila, P.I. (Sea) 10 a.m.

Pochow, Swallow, Amoy (Sea) 10 a.m.

Balcony (Air) 10 a.m.

—Reuter.

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